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Solidarity set for power as premier quits

Walesa edges towards non-Communist 'coup'

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

The way was cleared last night for the creation of the first non-Communist government in Eastern Europe since the war with the resignation of Mr Czeslaw Kiszczak, the Prime Minister of Poland.

His departure followed a meeting at which President Jaruzelski apparently accepted proposals by Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader, and the heads of the United Peasants' and Democratic parties to form a coalition government.

After a meeting of the three party chiefs yesterday, the President promised to work for the "quickest possible appointment of such a government" but Mr Mieczyslaw Rakowski, the Communist Party leader, warned that it would amount to a coup.

"It seems that the desire to create a government without the Communist Party is aimed at the total takeover of power in Poland, leading up to a political coup," Mr Rakowski told a meeting of Communist factory managers. Mr Kiszczak's resignation followed several days of unsuccessful efforts to set up a government.

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A communiqué reported by PAP, the state news agency, said that Mr Walesa had "presented the concept of establishing a coalition government of national responsibility with the participation of all pro-reformatory political forces represented at the Sejm (Parliament)."

It said: "Jaruzelski ... declared that he will urgently consider the presented propositions and conduct appropriate consultations, aiming at the quickest possible appointment of such a government in the interest of the nation."

Both Mr Walesa and Mr Jerzy Jozwiak, the Democratic Party leader, expressed satisfaction with the outcome of the inter-party meeting but were vague about details.

Mr Jozwiak said: "The President accepted the proposition of Walesa, will think it over, and will publish his opinion tomorrow. He said the outcome was "favourable for the nation and the state".

Mr Walesa said that he had been "satisfied" with the meeting. The Solidarity leader was later due to meet Cardinal Jozef Glemp, the Primate of the Roman Catholic Church in Poland.

Meanwhile, the Communist Party summoned an emergency session of the Central Committee for Saturday to work out how to prevent a slide into opposition.

Mr Walesa had gained the support on Wednesday night of parliamentary deputies from Solidarity, the Peasants' Party and the Democrats – the latter two former allies of the Communists – indicating he would be elected Prime Minister if he stood.

But he has so far emphasized that this was not his intention. Another Solidarity leader, such as Professor Bronislaw Geremek, its parliamentary chief, was the more obvious choice, he said.

The problem of the premiership was not discussed in detail at the President's Palace yesterday. Rather, General Jaruzelski tried to establish if there was sufficient common ground between the three parties and if there were adequate guarantees for the nation's defence effort and internal security.

President Jaruzelski appears to have been satisfied with the intention of the three parties, though they are still a long way from establishing a joint economic or social programme.

Professor Geremek held talks with President Jaruzelski earlier in the day and emerged confident that a Solidarity government was now inevitable. He said: "The new government will be formed and run by Solidarity, though it is still difficult to say if the premier will be from, or outside of, the Solidarity parliamentary caucus."

It is for President Jaruzelski to propose to Parliament a suitable candidate for Prime Minister. His last choice, Mr Kiszczak, stumbled badly in his efforts to form a government combining the Communist, Solidarity and Peasant Party elements.

Much depends on Soviet willingness to accept the removal of the Communist Party from government.

The Kremlin this week sent rather ambiguous signals. Mr Walesa was attacked by *Pravda*, but a Foreign Ministry statement on Wednesday proved to be rather encouraging and certainly accepted his sincerity.

The East Germans and the Czechoslovaks are the most alarmed.

To ease the way, Solidarity deputies toned down the parliamentary statement condemning the Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia. In its original draft, by Mr Adam Michnik, the statement was a bald appeal to East Europeans to push their regimes hard towards reform. That would certainly have angered Prague. Communist

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A new heart and new hope from surgeon's 1,000th transplant

ROS DRINKWATER



Preparing to work throughout the night, Professor Magdi Yacoub, above, one of Britain's leading cardiac surgeons, pictured before he and his team performed their 1,000th transplant operation at Harefield Hospital, Middlesex, early yesterday. In an unusually long and difficult operation, he gave a new heart to Simon Pashley, aged 17, of Cheadle, Cheshire, who has suffered an incurable condition since childhood (Thomson Prentice writes). Simon is pictured below with his mother, Mrs Sue Pashley. Administrators allowed *The Times* to be present during the operation, which marked an unparalled number of heart and heart-lung transplants in under ten years. In all 677 patients survive the operations, the first of which was performed at Harefield in January 1980. Full story, page 18

Posgate and Grob cleared of charges

By Richard Ford
Legal Affairs Reporter

Mr Ian Posgate, a top Lloyd's underwriter, was cleared yesterday of a multi-million pound conspiracy to steal insurance funds to buy a stake in a Swiss bank.

His co-defendant, Mr Kenneth Grob, the former chairman of Alexander Howden, a leading insurance broker, was also cleared of 16 charges of theft.

Both men, who had sat several feet apart during their 15-week trial, smiled and nodded their thanks to the jury of seven men and five women who had spent more than three days deliberating after a complex financial trial.

As he left Southwark Crown Court, Mr Posgate, aged 57, said he felt totally vindicated after a seven-year battle to clear his name.

Described as "the man with a Midas touch" because of his success in the Lloyd's insurance market, he was in jubilant mood as he went for a celebratory drink with his lawyers.

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Asked about his future, Mr Posgate, of Notting Hill, West London, said he had no intention or wish to return to Lloyd's.

Mr Posgate had denied conspiracy to steal and Mr Grob, former chairman of Alexander Howden, had denied 16 theft charges.

The Crown alleged that Mr Posgate – probably the best-known underwriter on the Lloyd's market – was lured into an illegal scheme.

Millions of pounds were said to have been siphoned off into secret offshore holdings and used to purchase the Banque du Rhône et de la Tamise.

Mr Michael Hill, QC, the prosecuting counsel, said Mr Posgate had been tempted by the promise of vast rewards.

Mr Hill said that Mr Grob, aged 68, of Eaton Square, Belgravia, West London, had masterminded the scheme. He allegedly headed a "gang of four" executives from Alexander Howden who set up a scheme to channel company cash into secret offshore trusts using bogus reinsurance deals as a cover.

But Mr Grob said the contracts signed were legitimate reinsurance to the benefit of the broking group. Mr Posgate also declared he was taking part in legitimate insurance dealing.

TOMORROW

Rising from the ashes



● Three years after fire devastated Christopher Wren's royal apartments for William and Mary at Hampton Court, devoted craftsmen and £12 million are bringing new life to the palace. Tomorrow, in colour, *The Times* looks at their progress

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● *The Times* experts get to grips with their food, drink, eating out, records, books, music, travel, museums, family money, gardening, sport ...

PORTFOLIO BOND

● Yesterday's £2,000 prize was shared by six people (see page 3). Today's game: page 25

Market slump

A report published today by a firm of London consultants says that the fall in house prices will be long-term and that any recovery in the market will be slow ... page 3

World champion

Colin Sturgess, a 20-year-old professional cyclist from Leicester, won the world 5,000 metres pursuit gold medal at Lyons last night in his first attempt at the title ..... Page 36

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France sends aircraft carrier to Lebanon

By Our Foreign Staff

As fresh fighting flared along the Green Line dividing east and west Beirut yesterday, France announced that it was sending an aircraft carrier to the area.

The French Foreign Ministry said the 24,000-tonne Foch would "provide any assistance which may be necessary", which could mean the evacuation of the estimated 7,000 French nationals in Lebanon.

Although neither side used heavy artillery, the ceasefire was honoured more in the breach than the observance. Pro-Syrian gunners shelled harbours north of Beirut in an attempt to stop arms supplies reaching General Michel Aoun, the Christian leader. In most areas of Beirut the sound of mortar shells and rocket-grenades exploding near the Green Line could be heard.

Diplomatic sources said shells had fallen close to the British Embassy and had hit the American mission in the previous 24 hours.

M Alain Decaux, a French junior minister, flew into the Christian enclave to continue diplomatic efforts.

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Fowler pay-rise warning

By Colin Narbrough
Economics Correspondent

Mr Norman Fowler, the Employment Secretary, yesterday warned pay negotiators that setting pay by the "going rate" would bring job losses.

His warning was accompanied by labour-market figures which showed a slowdown in average earnings growth with a quarter point fall to 9 per cent in the year to June, compared with forecasts of a rise to 9.5 per cent on the way to 10 per cent.

In the 36th successive monthly fall, seasonally adjusted unemployment last month fell by 21,300 to 1,789,000.

Shares prices moved ahead and the pound firmed on the figures, but better-than-expected US trade figures later eliminated sterling's gains.

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Brake fault halts InterCity train fleet

By Michael Dynes, Transport Correspondent

British Rail yesterday announced the withdrawal of its entire fleet of Class 90 InterCity locomotives after the discovery of a faulty braking system. It also confirmed that a separate design fault caused the InterCity express crash at Harrow, north-west London, three weeks ago.

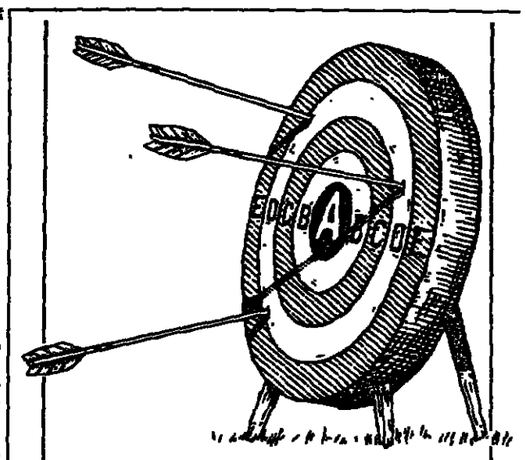
Thirty Class 90 electric locomotives, part of a consignment of 50 £1 million engines which began running between Euston and Glasgow 12 months ago, had to be taken out of service after discovery of a fault in a component of the train's pneumatic braking system.

The withdrawals caused extensive disruption to commuters using services between London, Birmingham and Manchester, although "there was never any danger to passengers," British Rail said. Westinghouse Brake and Signal, the manufacturer, said British Rail had discovered "rapid wearing" in the brake component during routine maintenance inspections in June. "The component was immediately put under a 14-day check, and when a fault occurred on one locomotive last Friday during additional tests, British Rail decided to remove the entire fleet for modifications," the company said.

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In a separate incident, a confidential internal memorandum confirmed that the Harrow train crash was attributable to a design fault on the alternator cradle, and said 16 additional faulty alternator cradles have since been found. The memorandum was

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No result nerves for the boy with nine A levels



By Douglas Broom
Education Reporter

Paul Thompson had nothing to fear from the brown envelope which dropped on his doormat yesterday. It announced that he had passed six A levels, bringing his total in the last two years to nine.

All but two of the passes have been at grade A, placing the 18-year-old York public schoolboy within sight of a place in the *Guinness Book of Records*. Only the fact that the nine exams were not taken in the same year debarred him.

This year he has A-grade, A-level passes in Physics, Chemistry, Further Maths, General Studies and Latin. He also passed Business Studies at grade B.

Last year Paul passed Maths and Economics at grade A, Greek at grade B and he picked up an S level in Mathematics, earning a distinction. Impressive though his achievement was, compared to most sixth-formers labouring to pass the regulation three subjects, it was rendered even more exceptional because he studies some of the subjects in his own time. Last year's Greek A level was won entirely on the basis of home study after school and this year he prepared himself for the Latin and Business Studies exams.

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His near-record A-level performance followed an equally impressive 14 O levels.

Paul, a day pupil at St Peter's School, York, goes up to University College, Oxford, to read Greats this October. Despite his awesome achievements, Paul appears to scale the academic heights with equanimity. "I wasn't really too worried about my results this year after doing quite well last year," he said yesterday.

In the moments between studying, Paul also finds time to indulge his passion for music, playing the piano and violin and has composed for both instruments. "I like to keep my interests as broad as possible," he said. "I dislike it when people talk about me being a genius – I just enjoy what I do."

The record for the greatest number of A levels taken at a single sitting is held by Stephen Murrell, who achieved eight passes – seven at grade A – at Crown Woods School, Eltham, South-east London in 1978.

NEWS ROUNDUP

Powder found in baby milk 'safe'

Water scale particles found by a mother as she was preparing bottled milk for her baby, are harmless, a neonatal paediatrician said yesterday (Jill Sherman writes).

The mother discovered a reddish-black substance in a bottle of SMA milk feed at the Bristol Maternity Hospital on Tuesday. The powder was later found to be miniscule particles of iron and salt due to water scale which had been caused during the vacuum sealing process at the food manufacturers.

When nursing staff examined a batch of the baby feed they found several more bottles with brown powder on the jar lids. Bristol and Weston health authority returned the batch to the manufacturers and immediately sent out an alert on a warning network to other maternity hospitals.

Last night, however, Dr Peter Fleming, neonatal consultant paediatrician at the Bristol Maternity said that the amount of iron and other salts were in such small quantities that they were of "no risk whatsoever".

Wyeth Laboratories, the manufacturers, said that tests carried out on the recalled bottles from Bristol hospital showed that the particles on the bottle caps were harmless.

Funeral awaits word

Mr Paul Cooper, brother of Mr Roger Cooper, the British businessman held without trial in Iran since 1985, said last night that he would delay his mother's funeral if the Iranian authorities would give some indication that they might allow Roger home for the service. So far there has been no response to an offer from Paul's son Simon, aged 17, to go to Iran to stand surety for his uncle. Dr Rosaleen Cooper's funeral is due to take place tomorrow at 2.30pm.

No truces, IRA says

The Provisional IRA said yesterday that there would be "no ceasefire and no truces" in Northern Ireland until British troops were withdrawn (Edward Gorman writes). "We will, through inflicting continued and unsustainable losses, break the will of the British government to stay in our country," IRA spokesmen were quoted as saying in an interview with *Republican News*.

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'Silicon Dale' mooted

Plans for a £25 million high-tech research and manufacturing centre in Bradford, West Yorkshire, that will be the first in Europe, have been submitted to Bradford council. Chase Advanced Technologies Ltd has already won permission to build a technologybusiness park, EuroCam, on a 31-acre site in Bradford. The new plan could create more than 3,000 jobs and attract scientists and technologists from around the world.

Water authority fined

Yorkshire Water Authority was yesterday fined £1,000 for polluting two waterways. The prosecution was brought by Kirkless Council, West Yorkshire, and is believed to be the first such prosecution by a local council. The authority admitted breaching government regulations at its Birkenshaw sewage works, near Bradford, and its Neily works, near Huddersfield, but said that it has since rectified the problems.

TUC recruiting drive

The TUC is planning a recruitment drive to reverse the decline in union membership, down from 12 million a decade ago to 8.7 million today, according to a report released last night (Roland Rudd writes). *Organising for the 1990s*, to be presented to the Trades Union Congress in Blackpool next month, says that union membership is weakest in growth areas of the economy. It identifies five key groups where recruitment is particularly hard, including among the young.

Backbenchers opt for single unit sale of BR

By Michael Dynes
Transport Correspondent

An embryonic consensus in favour of privatizing the railways as a single unit is emerging among leading Conservative backbenchers, after a discreet lobbying campaign by Sir Robert Reid, the chairman of British Rail.

Overall support for the principle of privatization remains strong. However, backbench sentiment appears to be turning against government proposals to transform BR into a track authority – leasing lines out to private operators or breaking the network up into regional companies.

Sir Robert met more than 80 Conservative backbenchers between January and May to argue that the controversial track authority and regional options would be a "great mistake", and is believed to have come away with the impression "they are now less convinced about the viability of a break-up".

Sir Robert is believed to have argued forcefully that the creation of a track authority, in which private companies compete to run trains, would create "insurmountable operation difficulties", while the regional companies idea would create "formidable timetabling problems" for cross-country services, and "could not be made profitable".

Three separate reports on the viability of the privatization options are due to be completed next month, before Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Secretary of State for Transport, is expected to put the government privatization plans to the Conservative Party conference in October.

The reports – one conducted by Deloitte Haskins and Sells, the accountants, and commissioned by the Department of Transport; another by Lazard Brothers and Coopers and Lybrand, the investment banking and accounting companies, for BR; and a second department study by Samuel Montagu, the merchant bankers – are said to favour the creation of a private limited company.

The future of BR is thought to depend on whether Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Mr Parkinson are prepared to accept this advice. However, Mr Parkinson is said to have "an open mind on the subject", raising expectations that BR could be hived off as a single unit.

There remains, however, a hard core of Conservative MPs who are expected to campaign vigorously for the creation of a track authority or the formation of regional firms, who have been enboldened by what is widely seen as BR's poor performance in the recent dispute with the National Union of Railwaymen.

It is thought the backbenchers will lobby for what is known as the "piecemeal option" for privatization, in which the construction on the Channel tunnel rail link between Folkestone and London – to be built and operated in a joint venture between BR and the private sector – could be seen as a precedent for privatization.

The lobby favouring the breaking up of British Rail is expected to push hard for the privatization of InterCity, the national passenger network which made a £57 million profit in 1988-89.

However, the remaining operating arms of BR, Network South-East, Provincial, Freight and Parcels, could only be made financially viable if passenger fares and freight charges were increased substantially – an option regarded as political suicide.

Rail retains a modest 8 per cent of the transport market, and "there is a major snag in picking out the strawberries for privatization and leaving all the cherry pips in the public sector", according to sources.

Even if it is decided that the industry should be privatized in the form favoured by British Rail, in one unit, it is unlikely to occur before 1997 – the earliest date at which BR is expected to show a sufficient return to attract private investors.

Meanwhile, a series of opinion polls conducted by BR show that only 21 per cent of the population support privatization in any form, 20 per cent are unsure, and 59 per cent feel it should not be sold to the private sector.

Patten defends poll tax against Tory and Labour critics

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

Mr Christopher Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, yesterday responded to continued Tory agitation about the community charge with a strong defence of the tax, as being both fair and intelligible.

In a clear signal that there will be no government backdown on the poll tax, Mr Patten countered the Tory pressures with a sharp attack on Labour's alternatives to the community charge which, he said, showed that "raiding the people's pockets comes at the top of their list".

Mr Patten chose a letter to Mr Irvine Patnick, a Tory whip and the chairman of the Conservative National Local Government Advisory Committee, for his first considered public defence of the poll tax.

He said that in every election he had ever fought, people had complained bitterly about the injustices of domestic rates.

Mr Patten said that no one starting with a blank sheet of paper and devising a system of paying for local government would insist that a house full of wage-earners should pay the same as a single pensioner next door, as happened with the rates. Nor would they have a system of grants which meant that one local authority charged more than another for the same service, or let a firm's competitiveness be undermined by allowing a spendthrift council to pass on its extravagance to companies in the area.

The only wonder, Mr Patten said, was that rates had survived so long.

If the Government had not acted to replace them, there would have had to have been the first revaluation of domestic properties since 1973, bringing "chaos and upheaval" in England and Wales like that in Scotland in 1985.

Mr Patten said: "It would be unthinkable to go through this agony merely to prop up a rotten and discredited rating system."

Attacking Labour, the Secretary of State said it had invented not one but two new unpopular taxes, which were worse than the existing rating system.

Of the Labour plans for capital value rating linked to a local income tax, he said: "Individually they are bad: together they represent the worst of all worlds."

Capital value rates represented a tax on home ownership which tenants had to pay as well. He asked: "Why on earth should a council tenant pay a higher local tax when the value of his council flat goes up?"

Pensioners, he said, would suffer when the areas around them became "gentrified".

The effect of a local income tax, Mr Patten said, would be "a new and terrifying weapon in the hands of the hard left".

Coupled with Labour's plans to abolish controls on council spending, it would be the green light for socialist municipal extravagance, with devastating consequences for those who had to pay for it.

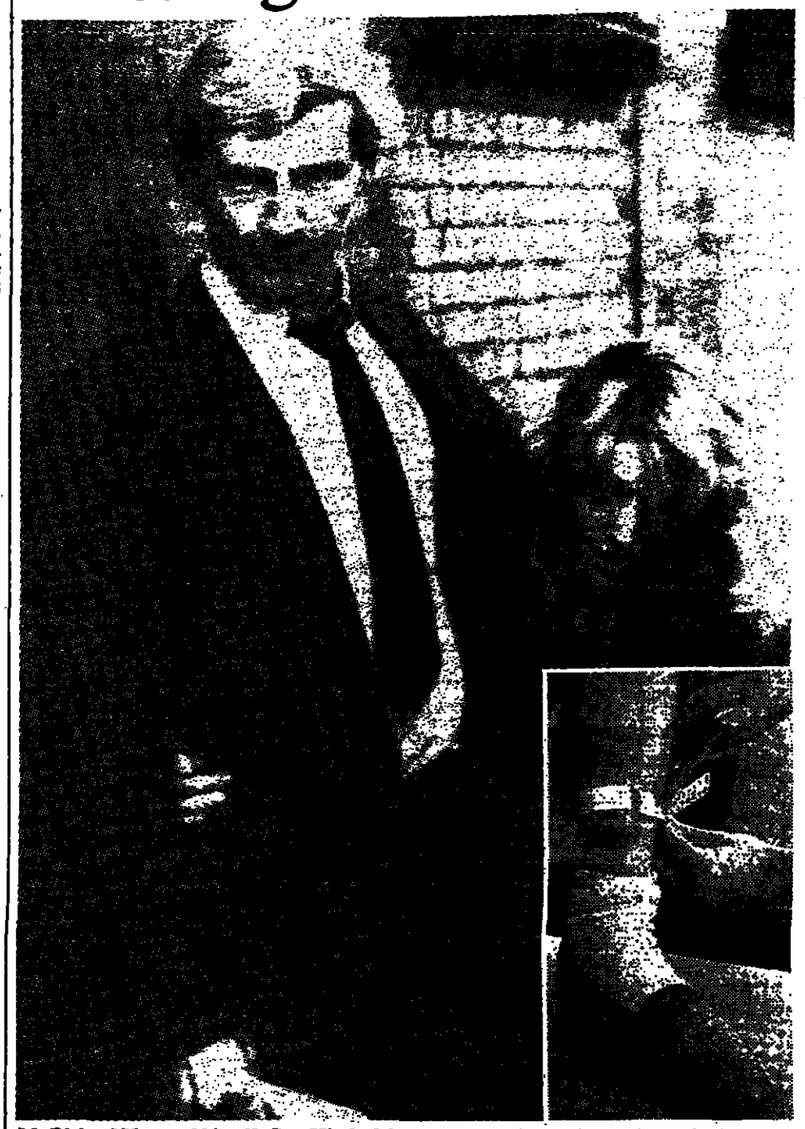
By contrast, Mr Patten said, the community charge replaced the injustices of rates with a "simpler, fairer and more intelligible system".

Everyone would "pay their bit" towards the cost of local government and those who could not afford to, would get help.

The very poorest, on income support, would have their benefit topped up to make sure they could pay.

The rich would pay more than the poor, as they should, "but everyone will have some understanding of the costs as well as the benefits of local government."

First tag device is fitted



Mr Richard Hart and his wife Sue. His decision to take part in the electronic tagging scheme created legal history. Inset: How the devise is attached to the defendant's leg.

Decision 'not an easy one'

By Quentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

The first defendant in Britain to be fitted with an electronic tag spoke yesterday of his fears that the terms of his bail could make him feel like a prisoner in his own home.

Mr Richard Hart, in a statement issued by his solicitors shortly after he was fitted with the tag in the cells below Nottingham Magistrates' Court, said that agreeing to enter the legal record books had not been an easy decision.

The movements of Mr Hart, aged 23, who is accused of theft and burglary, will be monitored by computer until his case comes to trial. He has been remanded on bail on condition he wears the tag at all times and stays at his home from noon to 9am every day.

He said: "Agreeing to be tagged was not an easy decision because it could be like being a prisoner in my home."

Mr Hart's "electronic bail" was delayed for 24 hours on Monday while engineers from British Telecom and Marconi, the main equipment supplier, installed a telephone and receiver in his home.

Signals emitted from the tag, fitted to one of his ankles, will be transmitted by telephone link to a computer, monitored by private security guards, at the near by magistrates courts. If the defendant moves more than 200ft from the telephone the guards will be alerted.

The National Association of Probation Officers said it believed tagging would not be used, as intended, as a "genuine alternative to custody".

A spokesman added: "We also think the requirement that BT or the equipment suppliers should be allowed access to the defendant's home at any time to check the equipment amounts to a major invasion of privacy."

The Home Office hopes that during the experiment, being conducted by three courts, about 150 remand defendants will be tagged.

Minister replies to union's fears of lower professional standards

Rumbold defends new teacher training plan

By Douglas Broom and Sam Kiley

The Government's new on-the-job training scheme for teachers will be "more rigorous" than the system it replaces, Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State at the Department of Education and Science, said.

Refuting claims by teachers' unions that the Licensed Teacher scheme would lower professional standards by allowing non-graduates into teaching, Mrs Rumbold said standards would, if anything, be higher in future.

The scheme, under which people aged more than 26 with at least two years post-school education will be paid to train as teachers in schools, will start next month.

Commenting on the formal publication of regulations governing the scheme, Mrs Rumbold said: "Streamlining the routes to Qualified Teacher Status will help schools and local authorities secure the teachers they need.

"It will allow mature, well-qualified people who want to turn to teaching in mid-career to do so without having to return to life as a full-time student.

"The new route will also make it easier for teachers from overseas to take up posts in our schools – their skills and expertise are welcome.

"The new system will be more rigorous than the one it replaces, ensuring that unqualified teachers receive the training they need. Before being awarded QTS they must have demonstrated a level of competence equivalent to that of other new teachers."

The National Union of Teachers said the fact that licensed teachers would actually be taking classes within a few weeks of starting training made a mockery of Mrs Rumbold's claim of increased rigour.

● British students and workers will lose out in competition with their European counterparts unless the Government coordinates a national plan for the teaching of foreign languages, the Association of Language Learning warned yesterday (Sam Kiley writes).

In an open letter to Mr John MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, Mrs Christine Wilding, secretary general of the association, said that the Government should also provide more resources and provisions in language teaching if Britain is to remain competitive.

The Government expects a shortfall of 2,500 in the number of foreign language teachers required to deliver the national curriculum by 1995 and the association warned yesterday that competition from industry and higher education could worsen the situation.

In her letter Mrs Wilding said ministers should also provide money for teachers to update their language skills with trips abroad, reduce the size of classes to those "usually reserved for other practical subjects" and encourage women to return to language teaching by laying on free creche facilities for mothers.

● Two more schools were given conditional approval to opt out of local authority control yesterday.

Mrs Rumbold said Ribston Hall High School, Gloucester, and Beechen Cliff Secondary School, Bath, could become grant-maintained schools from April 1 next year.

Her decision brings the number of schools which have been given permission to opt out to 23.

Faulty brake halts InterCity engines

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written by Mr David Rayner, managing director, operations and engineering, and was sent to Mr David Blake, director of mechanical and electrical engineering, and Mr Maurice Holmes, director of safety.

British Rail said last night: "Urgent steps were taken within hours of the accident. The whole fleet of just over 400 vehicles was checked within 48 hours. Sixteen coaches were found to have defects, but none was in such condition that there was any immediate danger. All have since been repaired."

The Harrow crash occurred after the alternator cradle came away from the carriage underside, became enmeshed in the wheels, derailing the 70 mph train.

In response to public concern over rail safety, British Rail said: "In addition to regular maintenance and safety checks on the vehicles, full routine examinations of major components will now take place more frequently."

Last circus school may close

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

Britain's only circus school will close next month unless it can raise £40,000 by the start of the new academic year.

Fool Time, which last year trained 1,000 students as trapeze artists, jugglers and circus clowns, faces a cash crisis because its £79,000 grant income for the year is not enough to cover its costs.

Ironically, the threat to the school's future comes as it is about to have its qualifications validated by the British Accreditation Council, a step which enable it to charge higher fees.

The school, which is based in a converted Victorian church hall in the St Agnes area of Bristol, offers full, part-time and evening courses catering for students aged from 16 to 64.

It is supported by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, the Arts Council and local authorities. Many of its graduates are in Edinburgh this week performing as part of the Festival Fringe.

In an effort to draw wider attention to the school's problems two stilt walkers set out on Wednesday on a six foot high tandem ride to Maastricht, The Netherlands, to lobby the International Juggling Convention on August 31.

One of the school's founders, Miss Audrey Michel, said yesterday that its policy of subsidising the cost of its courses to ensure that they could be afforded by ordinary poeple had led them into their present financial plight.

"Most of the grant we have received has gone into providing equipment," she said.

Democrats face title clash

By Our Political Editor

The Democrats are heading for a series of disputes at their party conference in Brighton next month, despite appeals from Mr Paddy Ashdown, the Social and Liberal Democrats leader, for a demonstration of unity.

At a press conference yesterday to launch the agenda, Sir William Goodhart, the conference committee chairman, admitted that an emergency motion for a debate on changing the party's short title to Liberal Democrats had been received from Mr Leighton Andrews, an activist.

Mr Ashdown has urged representatives in a letter to ignore the call because the full membership is to be balloted on the question after the conference. Those registered for the conference are being balloted on whether they want the topic raised at the Brighton conference, which takes place from September 9 to 15.

Further trouble looms with a proposed amendment to a defence motion that would commit the party to opposition to the Trident programme and to working for a non-nuclear Nato. If passed, that would be a direct snub to Mr Ashdown.

Glasgow may join Edinburgh Festival

By Simon Tait
Arts Correspondent

The Edinburgh Festival could alternate between Edinburgh and Glasgow in future, Mr Frank Dunlop, the festival's director, said yesterday.

He said the proposal was one that councils of both cities might wish to discuss together. In answer to a report that the festival might go to Glasgow next year, when it has been designated as Europe's City of Culture, he said: "I think you are bringing up affairs of enormous moment which would have to be discussed at national level."

Mr Dunlop called for better planning by the Edinburgh Fetsival Board and the two cities. "I think it is madness for both cities not to collaborate on their cultural planning," he said. The Edinburgh-Glasgow relationship was good for the arts in Scotland and in Britain.

There have been fears that Glasgow, home to the Scottish National Orchestra and Scottish National Opera, and with a new concert hall being built, could take audiences from next year's Edinburgh Festival.

Mr Dunlop said he thought the good relationship between the two cities led to people being excited about the arts, "just as they used to be excited about football at one time".

He said the Edinburgh Festival, the world's biggest arts festival, was experiencing a box office boom which had taken organizers by surprise in spite of hopes that last year's record of £1 million in receipts would be surpassed soon after *the opening*.

Mr Dunlop said box office takings were the best for 10 years. "It's quite shattering because we had no idea it would hit us like this.

"A great deal of it has been the excitement and interest in the productions from Spain and a great deal of it too has been the interest built up by the media in cultural affairs in general."

Spain has been the central theme of the festival, although the two versions of Oscar Wilde's *Salome* – Steven Berkoff's controversial production with the Gate Theatre of Dublin and the Richard Strauss musical version by the Festival Folkopera – have attracted the most interest.

Two-thirds of available seats for the festival were *booked out by Wednesday*. Mr Dunlop said there had never been more than 40 per cent to 50 per cent at this stage.

● The Berkoff production of *Salome* is to be restaged at the National Theatre, London, it was announced yesterday.

Berkoff will play the role of Herod in his own adaptation of Wilde's controversial play – which was banned in Britain for 40 years – opening at the Lyttelton Theatre on the South Bank on November 7 *with a National Theatre cast.*

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Wider curbs on media are opposed

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

The newspaper and television interests in Britain of Mr Rupert Murdoch should not be curtailed by new media ownership restrictions because of the detrimental effect on competition and consumer choice, according to a News International submission to ministers published today.

A 40-page document on competition, diversity and cross-media ownership has been produced by News International in response to demands by a commercial rival to prevent Mr Murdoch owning newspaper titles and a television network at the same time.

Mr Murdoch is chief executive of News International, publishers of *The Sun*, *News of the World* and *Today*. Sky Television, which launched three new satellite television stations in February, is a subsidiary of News International along with Times Newspapers, publishers of *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*. British Satellite Broadcasting, which is due to launch up to five new satellite television channels next year and a rival of Sky, has complained about the relationship between News International newspaper titles and Sky. Last month it sent a memo to government departments and urged ministers to extend planned cross-media ownership rules.

Under existing proposals no national newspaper owner will be allowed to hold more than a 20 per cent share of any independent television channel, but the restrictions will not extend to the Sky network, which beams programmes to British homes via the Astra satellite.

The News International response comes amid growing speculation that Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of the Office of Fair Trading, will soon ask the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to conduct a formal inquiry into media ownership in the United Kingdom. Ms Jane Reed, director of corporate relations at News International, said yesterday: "Our document demonstrates that there is no undue concentration of media ownership, no evidence of management threats to editorial independence and no inappropriate cross-media influence."

In its response, News International accuses BSB of basing its claims on arguments that predate the introduction of multi-channel television, and says it has misinterpreted what happens in America and Australia. "News International dominates neither the media market, nor the print segment, nor the television broadcasting segment. Nor has it engaged in any practices that distort competition."

Mr Edward Bickham, BSB's director of external affairs, said last night: "There can be no objection to News International investing in satellite television, but they should be subjected to a maximum 20 per cent ownership threshold."

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Consultants predict fall in house prices will be long-term

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

House prices are set for a long-term fall in real terms, followed by a slow recovery in the 1990s, a firm of consultants concludes in its gloomy forecast of the housing market, published today.

In addition, a report published today by the Building Societies Association says the number of homebuyers who are six to 12 months behind with mortgage repayments increased by one fifth in the first half of this year.

However, the number of homes repossessed in the first six months of 1989 fell slightly, allaying fears that the three mortgage increases implemented since last summer could lead to a big rise in the number of people losing their homes.

Spicers Consulting Group, part of the accounting and business advisory firm of Spicer & Oppenheim, says the most optimistic forecast shows a 10 per cent fall in prices this year and a further 10 per cent fall in 1990, followed by slow recovery.

Alternatively, the consultants suggest that the same initial fall could be followed by a steady decline similar to that in West Germany, where prices have fallen in nominal terms for a number of years.

The third possibility is that there will be a sharper fall this year, followed by a slow recovery in line with rising incomes by the end of 1990.

The consultants say the current fall in prices is not a blip, but a long-term change in market conditions. They say the current high level of interest rates is only one contributory factor; the fall in the number of people aged 25 looking for first-time homes until the end of the century and changing expectations and fears of losses could all drive prices down further.

In addition, the consultants point out that the Government clearly intends to use monetary discipline to hold the inflation rate at or below the European average.

The group predicts that the changing market will make competition keener. It says some building societies lack the capability to achieve minimal volumes of mortgage business at adequate interest rates, and suggests that: "These should reposition themselves as savings banks or retailers of financial services even if the provisions of the Buildings Societies Act mean that such a strategy requires incorporation or merger."

Meanwhile, the report published by the Building Societies Association says that 45,100 building society mortgages were six to 12 months in arrears at the end of last June, compared to 37,440 at the end of last year, a rise of 20.5 per cent. A further 9,260 mortgages were more than one year in arrears at the end of June, compared to 8,930 last December.

However, in spite of this depressing trend, the number of homes repossessed in the first six months of this year was 6,350, a slight fall on the 6,380 homes taken back from householders in the second half of last year. The latest figure for repossessions is also considerably lower than the peak of 11,700 in the first half of 1987. Since then building societies have taken more trouble to discuss with borrowers their ability to maintain repayments both before and after loans are agreed.

Although the sharp increase in the number of borrowers in arrears could suggest that many more homes are likely to be repossessed, societies are offering help in the form of interest-only payments and deferred payment schemes to try to stave off repossessions.

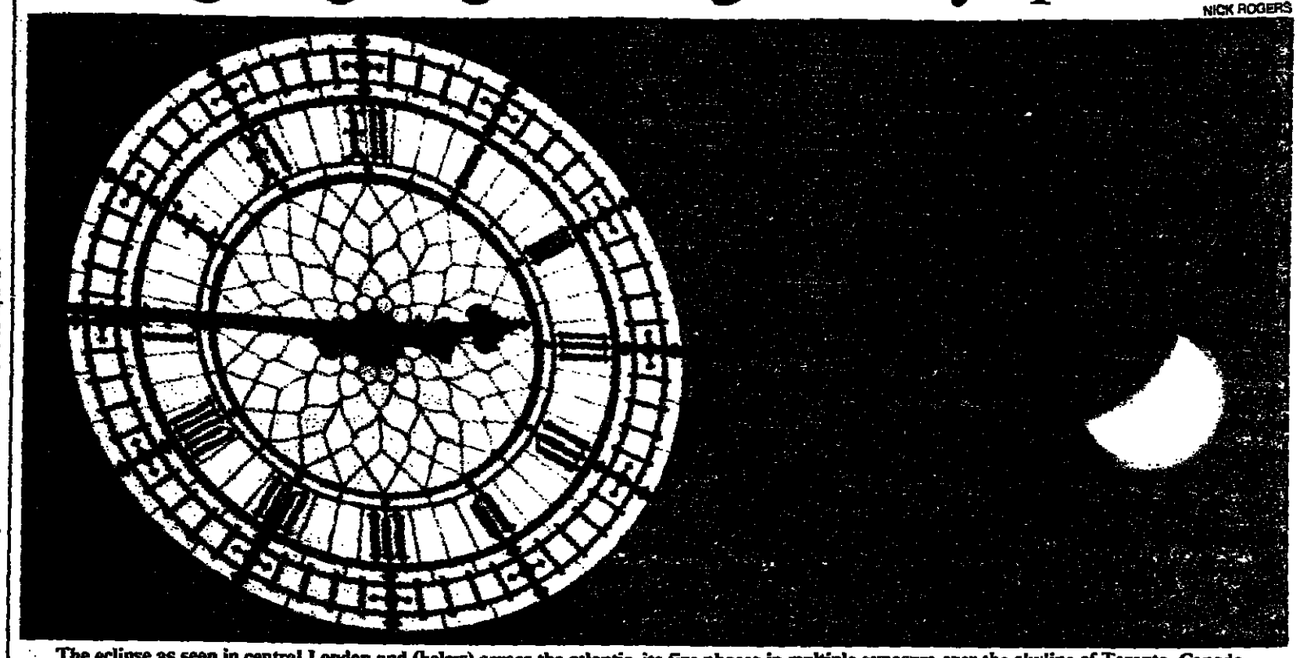
Mr Mark Boleat, director-general of the association, said yesterday that the increase in arrears was probably linked to three factors: the high level of house prices compared to earnings, which meant many buyers had stretched their budgets; the rush to beat the August 1 deadline last year on multiple tax relief for joint buyers, which may have meant some decisions to buy were taken too hastily; and the substantial increase in interest rates in the past year.

In the past, there had been no discernible link between arrears and the cost of borrowing, Mr Boleat said. Divorce or redundancy were usually the main triggers for mortgage problems. However, high interest rates and high house prices may have combined to produce a short-term increase in arrears.

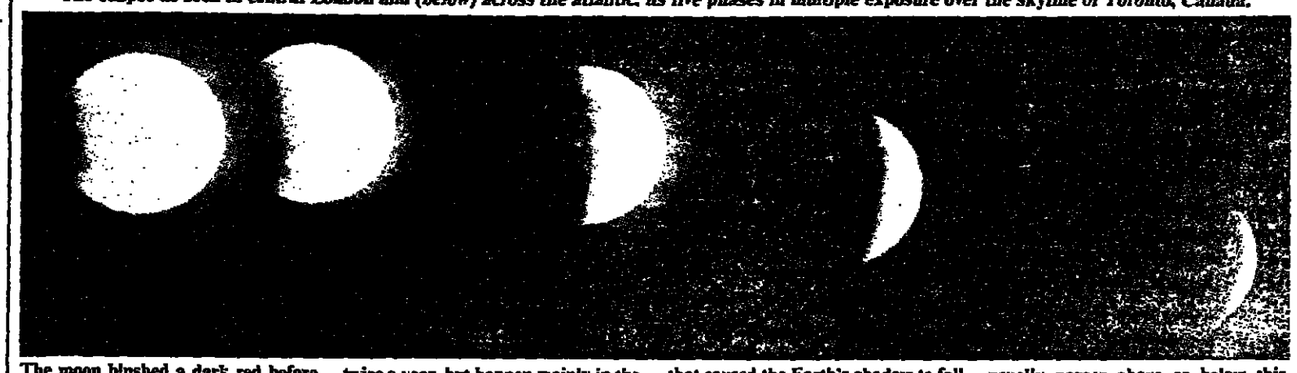
The Market Turns Down: (Spicers Consulting Group, Friary Court, Crutched Friars, London EC3; £15).

Going ... going ... the great sky spectacle

NICK ROGERS



The eclipse as seen in central London and (below) across the atlantic, its five phases in multiple exposure over the skyline of Toronto, Canada.



The moon blushed a dark red before disappearing in eclipse over Britain, between 2.20am and 3.20am yesterday (Pearce Wright writes). It was the first eclipse in 20 years to be seen from five continents. Where the skies were clear, observers reported a spectacular show of light and colour. Partial eclipses of the moon generally occur twice a year, but happen mainly in the early hours of the morning and are seen by few people.

Yesterday's event began as the moon rose golden orange in colour and turned darker before it winked out altogether. In theory, the eclipse should have been in view to more than a billion people because the alignment that caused the Earth's shadow to fall across the moon occurred along a track crossing North and South America, western Europe and Africa and Antarctica.

Lunar eclipses occur when the moon passes through the shadow created by the Earth, blocking the sun's light. The moon, in its orbit of the Earth, usually passes above or below this shadowline, but it occasionally follows a path that shades it completely for a time. The London Weather Centre said: "The last eclipse was in February but could not be seen over Britain. It is unusual to have such a good view in this country because it is often cloudy or raining."

Salmonella controls 'not enough'

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Government measures to prevent the spread of *salmonella enteritidis* in fresh chilled chickens are inadequate, the latest investigations into the infection to be published today show.

Moreover, the scientists report that the virulent *enteritidis* strain of bacterium, which was unknown in broiler chicks before 1979, has become the dominant salmonella.

They say their survey confirms that *salmonella enteritidis* PT4 is a serious hazard to human health from broiler chicks. "All measures to control human food poisoning with *enteritidis* must now directed both at egg and the poultry meat production aspects of the industry." The inadequacy of the guidelines for controlling infection were shown in the analysis of 20 fresh chilled chickens bought from retail stores over a four-week period. Eight were infected with *enteritidis*.

The findings from a team working with Dr Anita Rampling, at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and the Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale, north London, are described in the latest issue of *The Lancet*.

The new measures intended to curtail the spread of the bacteria at the factory stage involved additional tests. Previously, chickens were consigned as unfit for consumption if they had signs of *enteritidis* infection of the gut. The new guidelines called for meat to be rejected if there were signs of pericarditis, an inflammation of the tissue surrounding the heart.

The scientists report widespread contamination during processing, even though birds with obvious signs of infection are condemned and removed from the processing line by meat inspectors.

- A verdict of misadventure was recorded on Mrs Greta Karpel, aged 90, of Litchfield Court, Sheen Road, Richmond, south-west London. She died of heart disease which may have been provoked by salmonella poisoning, the Hornsey coroner was told.
- A firm of butchers, Haighs Ltd, of Pow Street, Workington, is to be prosecuted after a salmonella outbreak caused by pork pies in which two people died.

Forty people are bringing civil actions.

- A British video on food hygiene is to be distributed to hotels, restaurants and food outlets in the Spanish resort of Benidorm so staff have the latest health information.

Ulster death

Soldier is shot by accident

By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent

A soldier was shot dead accidentally while on duty at barracks in Londonderry, the Army disclosed yesterday, almost two days after the event.

The incident is the second accidental shooting of a British soldier in the province in just over two months and brings to seven the number of British soldiers who have died in Northern Ireland this year.

The Army said that Private Mark Anthony Mason died after being shot in the neck by another soldier while they were on duty at Clooney army barracks in the Waterside area of Londonderry at about 7pm on Tuesday.

Private Mason, aged 18 and single, was a member of the Staffordshire regiment serving with the first battalion, The Royal Hampshire Regiment. His death comes after that of Marine Adam Gilbert, aged 21, who died on June 5 after being shot in the head when his night patrol opened fire on a runaway car on the Antrim Road in north Belfast.

Meanwhile, a West German press photographer appeared in a Belfast court on an arms charge yesterday.

Mr Nicholas Vogel, of West Berlin, is accused of having a magazine for a firearm in suspicious circumstances. He was previously thought to be an American citizen.

During the three-minute hearing he said nothing. A detective inspector told the court that, when arrested and charged, Mr Vogel replied: "I gave every explanation so far why this magazine was in the car."

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The £2,000 Portfolio Bond has been shared by six winners. They are Mr G H Coltart of Lindfield, West Sussex; Marianne Hirtzel of Hammersmith, west London; Mr F M Inglis of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands; Kathleen Brice of Lincoln; Mr H Taylor of Liverpool and Mrs I Cardinal of Shrewsbury.

Chemical leak

Nine firemen and an ambulance officer were among 25 people treated in hospital yesterday after being affected by fumes leaking from a 25-litre drum of ethyl acrylate, a corrosive chemical, at a derelict chemicals plant at Darlaston, West Midlands.

Brother of runner gets three years

The younger brother of Linford Christie, the Olympic sprinter, was jailed for three years yesterday for kidnapping and beating up his former girlfriend.

Judge McLean told Russell Christie, aged 26, at the Central Criminal Court: "This was a vicious and violent attack for which there can be no excuse." He criticized Christie's demeanour in court as "cocky".

Christie, of Richford Street, Shepherd's Bush, west London, was found guilty of kidnapping Miss Zoe Groves, aged 19, last January and causing her grievous bodily harm with intent.

He has three previous convictions for violence and is unemployed.

The jury heard that after the beating Miss Groves's face was so badly swollen that her mother did not immediately recognize her.

Miss Groves, a children's nanny, said that after an argument over the telephone following the ending of their affair, Christie had turned up at her flat in Alexander Road, South Harrow, with a baseball bat.

He forced her into his Mercedes, repeatedly hitting her in the face as he drove. Miss Groves tried to jump out of the moving car but Christie pulled her back. She escaped after being held prisoner for four hours.

Air strike threat

Check in, BA passengers told

By Roland Rudd, Employment Affairs Reporter

British Airways yesterday urged passengers to ignore a threatened 24-hour strike today on its domestic and European destinations and advised them to check in as normal for all flights.

The Transport and General Workers' Union called the strike over the dismissal of an air stewardness. Mr George Ryde, national secretary of the union's civil aviation group, predicted that most short-haul routes would be seriously affected.

He said that more stoppages would be called if management did not reinstate the stewardess, who is alleged to have taken drinks from an aircraft's Club class, where they are free, to economy class, where they are not.

"This is the first time that British Airways has taken such a Draconian measure against a cabin crew member," Mr Ryde said.

"There is no doubt that after 68 per cent of our 2,800 members participated in a secret postal ballot — the highest ever — the majority will heed the strike call."

However, the breakaway Cabin Crew 89 has told its members to work normally and to cross picket lines unless there is physical intimidation.

British Airways, which runs 260 short-haul flights carrying 26,000 passengers in and out of Heathrow each day, intends to use management and training staff to man operations.

It may also cut staffing levels or suspend in-flight catering. As a last resort, passengers will be switched to other airlines operating on the same routes. At Gatwick, British Airway's second British base, a management spokesman said that about 20 European departures were threatened by the strike.

- Four hundred British tourists returning home from a trip to Disneyland were delayed for 28 hours at Orlando Airport, Florida, at the weekend because of mechanical problems with their aircraft.

The tourists, some still wearing Donald Duck and Mickey Mouse costumes, were kept under armed guard in a compound while Intasun, the tour operators, tried to resolve the difficulty.

The delay ended at 11.15pm on Sunday evening when the aircraft left for Heathrow.

Computer boosts survival rate

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

Accident and heart attack victims in the West Midlands now have a better chance of survival than those in other areas because of the installation of an emergency services computer system.

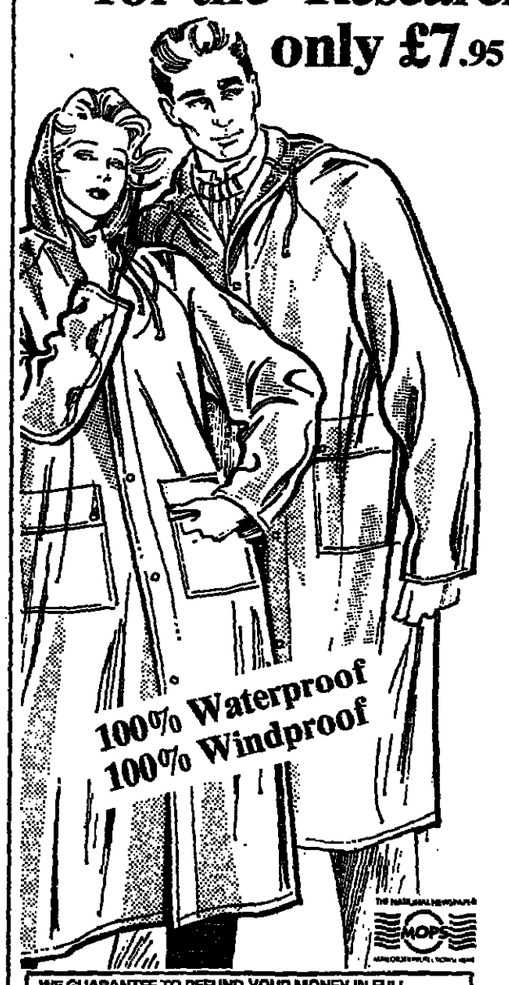
The control room system boosts the response speed of ambulances to emergency calls by identifying the location of the nearest vehicles in seconds. A large screen, displaying maps of an ambulance service's territory, allows staff to pinpoint victims rapidly, find the nearest ambulances and assess how quickly they are travelling.

The West Midlands Ambulance Service — which has one of the busiest control rooms in the country, handling more than 700 calls a day and covering a population of three million — has had the system on trial for a month.

A switchboard which gives urgent calls priority has been installed to improve the control room's capacity and reaction time.

Laser-Scan, which developed the system, said it is expected to be installed nationwide shortly.

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Fish and chip shop goes international

By Peter Davenport

What Laura Ashley did for the English look by opening a chain of stores in foreign capitals, Harry Ramsden's, the world's largest and most famous fish and chip shop, hopes to achieve for the national culinary reputation.

The humble fish and chip shop, which started out in a 10ft by 6ft wooden hut on the fringe of the Yorkshire Dales more than 60 years ago, is to open franchise branches in Singapore, Melbourne, Auckland and Tokyo.

Mr John Barnes, the chairman of the Harry Ramsden's, said: "Hamburgers and pizzas have gone around the world yet no really traditional British food has done the same. We hope to put that right with our fish and chips."

The company says customers abroad will be offered the taste of real Yorkshire fish and chips with supplies of halibut, haddock and plaice flown out from Britain to the new outlets.

The transport costs are likely to put the price of a fish and chip supper in the overseas branches out of the range of many would-be customers so they will also be offered locally-caught fish.

Far Eastern interest in the most traditional of English meals was first expressed seriously two years ago. Singapore Airlines mounted a promotional event in a Singapore hotel at which staff from Harry Ramsden's were flown out with supplies of potatoes and haddock to prepare fish and chip dinners. It will be the company's first venture overseas, as earlier plans to take fish and chips into Moscow became bogged down in protracted negotiations.

The original shop was opened by Mr Harry Ramsden, a Bradford fish frier, in 1936. The shop, still on the original site and a company in its own right, is now owned by a southern-based catering firm. Last year it served a million customers and recorded takings of about £2 million.

The first of the foreign ventures, Singapore and Auckland, are due to open next year with Melbourne and Tokyo following in 1991. Each of the units will cost £1 million and are expected to record takings of about £2 million a year from which the company will take a royalty.

Ninety officers join criminal inquiry into Hillsborough

By Craig Seton

Ninety officers will spend six months reinterviewing hundreds of witnesses and officers as part of the criminal investigation by West Midlands police into the Hillsborough football disaster.

Mr Mervyn Jones, assistant chief constable of the West Midlands, who will be in day-to-day charge of the criminal inquiry, said yesterday that he expected to be ready to present his report on possible culpability to Mr Allan Green, QC, Director of Public Prosecutions, by January or February.

As Mr Jones spoke, Sir Harry Livermore, a solicitor, criticized the decision to appoint Mr Geoffrey Dear, West Midlands chief constable, to head the criminal investigation. He said Mr Dear was an "unfortunate choice", bearing in mind that he had just brought in the Police Complaints Authority to investigate his own Serious Crime Squad after vital evidence went missing.

Sir Harry, whose firm of solicitors is acting on behalf of more than 80 complainants in Hillsborough disaster cases, said: "It is absolutely right that there should be an investigation into criminal responsibility but I do not understand why it is being done this way except as being a public relations exercise."

Mr Jones said that the possible offences which would be investigated included manslaughter and the common law of offence of "failing to do one's duty".

He made it clear that his remit was not confined to possible charges against police officers, but would include every aspect of the disaster investigated for Lord Justice Taylor's inquiry into the tragedy, including the role of Sheffield Wednesday Football Club and football fans.

Mr Jones told a press conference in Birmingham: "I have a completely open mind. There will be no offence left unobserved. It will be all embracing and not just concentrating on one party or any particular aspect. It is wider than just the police."

The inquest scheduled on January 15 on the 95 fans who died at the Sheffield Wednesday ground has been postponed. If the DPP decides that no criminal charges are to be brought, the inquest will be held within six to eight weeks of that decision.

Mr Jones said that otherwise it would be postponed indefinitely until after charges were heard in the courts.

West Midlands police were originally called in to conduct the investigation into the Hillsborough disaster on April 15 to collect evidence for Lord Justice Taylor's inquiry and, eventually, the coroner's inquest.

When asked specifically whether his investigation would cover the behaviour of fans, after allegations of drunkenness, Mr Jones said: "It will embrace every aspect. We will look at everything."

He said that during the preparation of evidence for Lord Justice Taylor, the police team had stored almost 11,000 names on a Home Office Large Major Enquiry System (Holmes) computer, had completed 7,500 questionnaires and taken about 4,000 statements.

The team had more than 4,200 documents in its possession, together with 1,200 items of personal property recovered after the disaster.

Artist with an eye for sheepish subjects

BARRY GREENWOOD



Mr David Carter, an illustrator on a National Trust commission, sketching Herdwick sheep at Brotherilkeld Farm, Eskdale, in the Lake District. The farm, run by Mr Eric Harrison, is devoted entirely to the breed, which is peculiar to the area. The National Trust has made 1989 "Year of the Herdwick".

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Private jails due for record finish

By Quentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

Britain's first two prisons to be designed and built by private contractors are expected to become operational in record time, easing overcrowding within the remand system.

The remand centres at Everthorpe on Humberside and Rochester, Kent, are scheduled to open by the end of 1991, three-and-a-half years after they were planned. In the past it has taken up to eight years to provide similar accommodation.

The Home Office said: "There has been a cost saving but quantifying the precise figure is difficult. What we do expect is that these establishments will come on stream in record time, improving conditions for remand prisoners."

Building contractors have, until now, had to work to plans drawn up by the government Property Services Agency or the prison department, an arrangement which has proved fertile ground for delays and disputes. However, the pilot scheme, which is likely to be extended to other prison building projects soon, has allowed the builders — Taylor Woodrow and UK Detention Contractors — to draw up design details.

The centres will each house 300 inmates, mostly in single cells, and be equipped with sports facilities and medical blocks.

UK Detention Contractors, a partnership between builders John Mowlem and Sir Robert McAlpine, is one of about five firms interested in operating remand centres as well as building them.

"Our argument is that the improved standards and financial savings which ministers are looking for will only be attained when those who build remand centres are also responsible and accountable for running them," Mr Nicholas Hopkins, the firm's public affairs director, said.

Weekend food prices

Juicy apples the pick of the bunch

English Discovery apples, firm, sweet and juicy, are at their best priced at 25p to 40p a lb, but their season is short.

New season Bramley and Grenadier cooking apples are also in the shops at 30p-45p a pound. Home-grown soft fruits include blackcurrants and redcurrants at 70p to 95p a half lb.

Strawberries are 40p to 80p a half lb and blackberries 50p to 70p a lb, while raspberries 70p to 90p a half lb are coming to an end. Spanish and Italian plums are 40p to 55p a lb, the same price as English Victorias.

Vegetable supplies and quality are good. Peas are finishing but broad beans are plentiful at 30p to 50p a lb as are marrows 30p to 55p each, courgettes 25p to 50p a pound and English new crop carrots 15p to 25p and potatoes 10p to 17p a lb. Big Webbs and Cos lettuces are particularly good value at 25p to 40p each, tomatoes are down to around 30p a lb or 50p to 80p for the beef variety.

Lamb is a bargain at present with the whole leg down to an average of £1.80 per lb and shoulder £1.02.

Beef prices are steady with top side and silverside £2.75 a lb, bone in forerib £1.88 and rump steak £3.85.

Pork prices are moving upwards but are still good value; whole legs average £1.27 a lb, boneless shoulder £1.40 and rib chops £1.39 a lb.

Fish is more plentiful than last week. Quality cod, haddock and plaice fillets are excellent value at £2.75, £2.90 and £2.70 a lb respectively, subject to regional variations. Dover sole is around £7 a lb.

Shellfish include cockles at around £1 a pint, mussels 90p a pint and crabs from Cornwall and the Norfolk coast starting about £2 a lb.

Baker chooses adviser

Mr Kenneth Baker, chairman of the Conservative Party, has appointed Mr Tony Kerpel, a former national chairman of the Young Conservatives, as his special adviser (Andrew Pierce writes). Mr Kerpel, aged 44, held the same post when Mr Baker he was Secretary of State for Education and Science. Mr Kerpel was a senior film examiner with the British Board of Film Censors for 14 years until 1986.

Historic calf

A rare British White calf has been born in Wollaton Park, Nottingham — the first for nearly 200 years. The herd died out and has only recently been re-introduced.

Staying power

Britain's oldest man will celebrate a double anniversary tomorrow. Mr John Evans, of Fforest-Fach, Swansea, Mid-Glamorgan, will be aged 112 and it will be 100 years since he first worked as a miner.

Cheap pints

Tiger Taverns will start selling what is claimed as the cheapest beer in Britain today to see if increased sales can keep prices down. Pints at the Cricketers Arms in Radford, Nottingham will be 60p.

Inquest opens

An inquest opened at Devizes coroner's court yesterday into the deaths of Brian and Ursula Randall at their home in Hilperton, Wiltshire. Lance-Corporal Kevin Greenland has been charged with murder.

Poison charge

Simon Carter, aged 17, of Dry Drayton Road, Oakington, appeared before Cambridge magistrates yesterday accused of trying to kill his father and stepmother with rat poison.

Rescue wait

Holidaymakers waited for 20 minutes for emergency services to arrive to rescue a boy at Rapperee Cove, Ilfracombe, North Devon. The body of Mark Woodward, aged 13, was found later.

London to Sydney non-stop. A world record.



Yesterday, the most advanced long-distance aircraft ever to join the Qantas fleet became the first passenger aircraft to fly non-stop between London and Sydney. Technology aboard the new Qantas "Longreach", appropriately named after the small town from which Qantas pioneered long-distance travel, enabled it to complete the 18,000 km journey in twenty hours, nine minutes. Our Qantas "Longreach" is Boeing's latest 747 and has been specially designed to fly further than any other aircraft. So you can look forward to some big changes in our timetable when the first of the "Longreach" fleet begins its service in October. QANTAS The spirit of Australia.

Honecker plays waiting game on Kohl's refugee plight

From John England
Bonn

Bonn has resigned itself to a likely long wait before a solution is found to the problem of more than 300 East Germans who have taken refuge in West German diplomatic missions in East Berlin, Budapest, Prague and Warsaw in the hope of emigrating to the West.

Despite indirect contacts between Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, and Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, government sources here do not expect East Berlin to decide on the issue until after the end of this month when the East German holidays end. It will then be seen how many of the 200,000 or so East German holidaymakers now in Hungary have not returned home.

About 600 of them are reported to have gone underground in Hungary, and many are expected to ask the West German Embassy in Budapest for West German passports and passage to the West. A total of 181 East Germans took refuge in the embassy before it was closed last Monday, but 10 have since left voluntarily. Another 300 are camped outside the building or elsewhere in Budapest.

In East Berlin 116 East German men, women and children are still holding out in the West German diplomatic mission which closed on August 8. Another 40 East Germans have taken refuge in the West German Embassy in Prague, and one in Bonn's Embassy in Warsaw.

But the East German holidaymakers in Hungary are seen as the key to the problem. As a West German government source put it yesterday: "The refugees inside our diplomatic missions are in numbers that East Berlin can comprehend. If they were the only problem it would probably be possible to come to some early arrangement over them with the East German Government. But no one knows at present how many of the 200,000 or more tourists will vote with their feet for the West. That is the big question for both Bonn and East Berlin. Hungary is the pivot, and the East German Government is waiting to see what happens there."

Meanwhile, the West German missions in East Berlin and Budapest would remain closed until the refugee problem was settled, he added.

The East Germans have warned Bonn that their relations could suffer if the West German Embassy in Budapest continued to issue passports to East German refugees "against international law". But the West Germans reply that they are acting perfectly legally because Bonn recognizes only one German citizenship.

"For us," said the Bonn source, "an East German travelling to West Germany is just like a West German journeying, say, from Munich to Hamburg. We must accept them all on the principle of absolute *Freizügigkeit* — freedom to live or travel where one likes."

A confidential study carried out for the Government last January estimated that up to 1.5 million East Germans wanted to leave their country for the West. An editorial in the respected *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* yesterday said about 10 per cent, or 1.7 million, of East Germany's population was determined to leave.

Whatever the number, Bonn is bound to accept them all if they are allowed to go. "To carry the point to absurdity," the government source said, "if Herr Honecker were to open the gates to his entire population of 17 million we would have to make room for them."

The West German public, although troubled by a flood of *Aussiedler* — ethnic Germans from Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union — into the country due to the relaxed emigration policies of President Gorbachov — are sympathetic toward their countrymen from East Germany. Prominent media coverage of the plight of the destitute East Germans in Budapest, especially in the mass-circulation daily newspaper *Bild*, has helped the sentiment along. *Bild* has virtually adopted the refugees in Budapest. The paper sent a team there to provide money, food and clothing for them, although it gave itself a big, banner headline pat on the back for its initiative.

West Germany's serious newspapers, and radio and television news programmes, have also made the refugee story their lead item.

Public reaction in favour of the refugees was made clear last Monday with the publication of an opinion poll by the Wickert Institute of Tübingen. It found that 87.2 per cent of the respondents believed that Herr Kohl, who is holidaying at an Austrian lakeside resort, should return to Bonn immediately and contact the East German Government over the problem.

No doubt coincidentally, a West German government spokesman revealed the same day that Herr Kohl, although still on holiday, had sent the first of two messages to Herr Honecker three days earlier. Another poll by the same institute, published yesterday, found that 91 per cent of West Germans approved of the Budapest Embassy's help to East German refugees, while 88 per cent thought it should do even more.

Chancellor Kohl, 84 per cent said, would still be more useful in Bonn than in Austria. The Chancellor, who returns to his office on Monday, has said he is ready for "any kind of contact" with East Berlin "in order to find a way out of this depressing situation".

That is interpreted as including a personal talk with Herr Honecker, if only by telephone. Herr Kohl, however, will probably have to be patient in waiting for a connection.

● **Surprise visit:** Herr Jürgen Sudhoff, State Secretary in the West German Foreign Ministry, made a surprise visit to Budapest yesterday, his second in three days, at the direction of Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, who is on holiday in Bavaria recovering from a heart attack. A ministry spokesman refused to give details of Herr Sudhoff's talks in Budapest.

Moscow action on ethnic minorities

By Mary Dejevsky

With nationalist violence, demonstrations and strikes continuing in many parts of the Soviet Union, the Communist Party leadership has published proposals that would greatly increase the autonomy of ethnic minorities living in republics dominated by other national groups.

The proposals are part of a top-level review of policy towards national minorities compiled by a Communist Party commission in advance of a Central Committee plenum on the subject. The plenum was postponed at the last minute in July after the Politburo had reportedly rejected the first draft of the policy document and is now scheduled for September.

The proposals made public yesterday call for "radical transformations in the Soviet federation" to accommodate the needs of the different nationalities and "ensure the free development of the spiritual life of all peoples of the Soviet Union". Of particular note was the pledge to increase the rights of the 20 autonomous republics — areas within the 15 union republics inhabited predominantly by minority ethnic groups.

Several areas affected by the recent upsurge in ethnic tension come into this category, including the Tatar Autonomous Republic in the Russian Federation and Abkhazia, in Georgia. The disputed area of Nagorno-Karabakh, which is now under direct rule from Moscow, is an autonomous area (that is, a smaller administrative unit) ruled by Azerbaijan although populated predominantly by Armenians. It is not clear whether the new proposals will apply to these smaller administrative divisions.

The party's review document also spoke of the need for a new balance to be drawn between the rights of the Soviet Union's 15 constituent republics and the State as a whole. While details have not been made available, it appears that the party leadership may be considering a more federal structure for the Soviet Union.

Moscow (Reuter) — Estonia will defy a ruling by Moscow that a new law limiting voting rights in the Baltic republic is unconstitutional, an Estonian parliamentary official said yesterday. The law, which has set into train more than a week of strikes by ethnic workers, is aimed largely at new Russian immigrants.

Soviet political figures, including President Gorbachov, have used the word "federation" with increasing frequency since it was included in the Resolution on Nationalities Questions that was adopted by the special Communist Party conference in June, 1988.

The latest proposals were reported only hours after the Soviet Government took steps to defuse ethnic tension in the Baltic republic of Estonia where ethnic Russian workers, who compromise a minority in the republic, have been on strike for more than a week. They are protesting against a new law, passed by the Estonian Supreme Soviet on August 8, which sets a two-year residence requirement for voters in the republic.

Local elections are due to be held this year and many Russians regard the law as tantamount to disenfranchisement. The electoral law followed the enactment of legislation making Estonian — a difficult language related to Finnish — the official language of the republic, a measure which many Russians regard as equally discriminatory.

The Supreme Soviet Praesidium in Moscow, the Soviet Union's top executive body, ruled yesterday that the Estonian electoral law was unconstitutional because its effect would be to deprive some Soviet citizens of their right to vote.

Introducing a strongly worded decree, the Vice-President, Mr Anatoly Lukyanov, said the legislation was "unacceptable, not only judicially, but also politically" because it could lead to the "aggravation of inter-ethnic and social relations".

The Praesidium held back from an immediate confrontation with the Estonian leadership, however, by giving the republic until October to propose revisions to bring its legislation into line with the state Constitution.

Man in the News: Lech Walesa

Pious hero who personifies people power

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

Mr Lech Walesa, the shipyard electrician who founded Solidarity, was yesterday an inch away from power.

As he negotiated hard with the leaders of the Peasants' Party and the Democrats to form an alternative, non-Communist, government, it became increasingly clear that only he could really hold such a coalition together.

Solidarity, the Peasants' Party and the Democrats voted overwhelmingly on Wednesday night to put together a government, under the leadership of Mr Walesa, that would exclude the Communists. They have enough votes to carry the day in Parliament.

But Mr Walesa declined the offer and Solidarity is talking instead of putting forward his advisers, Professor Bronislaw Geremek or Mr Tadeusz Mazowiecki.

There is an element of piety or shyness in Mr Walesa's reluctance to take on the premiership: after some two decades as a worker dissident, he is suspicious of all power. His favourite poet, Slowacki, put it best:

"We'll never submit to be allies of kings,/We'll never bend our necks to power and might./For only from Christ do we take our commands./We are Servants of the Virgin!"

But mainly, of course, it is a matter of calculation. "Lech needs to be persuaded," said an aide. "He does not want to stage a *putsch*. There must be choice, discussion and then, if need be, he will change his mind." The crucial voice will certainly be that of the Catholic primate of Poland, Cardinal Jozef Glemp. If he urges on Mr Walesa the responsibility of power, he will take it.

It will set a startling precedent — the first non-Communist government in the Soviet bloc.

It is the President, however, General Jaruzelski, who has to propose a name of the Prime Minister to Parliament.

A month ago, the general had serious reservations about a Solidarity-led government, saying that it would alarm Poland's partners in the Warsaw Pact. But the Kremlin appears to have accepted assurances that Solidarity is no longer interested in undermining the bloc.

Mr Walesa's strength is based on two elements. First, he is the single unifying authority of Solidarity.

Mr Walesa knows how to bridge the gap, and make peace between the factions.

Second, if a government is to succeed or survive, it must have the popular authority to ask for prolonged sacrifice while market reforms are introduced. It requires charisma. Poland needs a populist who can talk to the masses. Mr Walesa grew up in a poor family of seven children, went to school in wooden clogs, was brought up a Catholic, was born to be a worker.

Nowadays, the primitive Bolshevik slogan — "all power to the workers" — is about to be realized. A worker is getting ready to throw the Communists out of power.

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Mr Walesa and Professor Geremek, the Solidarity parliamentary leader, negotiating in Warsaw on forming a coalition.

Political change in Eastern Europe

Challenge to Gorbachov as 'new thinking' reverberates abroad

By Vladimir Kusin

Events in Poland inevitably raise the question of how Moscow will react. Since President Gorbachov came to power four and a half years ago, his public statements about Eastern Europe suggest a steady evolution of his views.

He now appears to accept that changes in Eastern Europe that might lead to a multi-party democratic system based on a market-oriented economy no longer constitute sufficient grounds for Moscow to intervene. He has also strongly implied that nations in Eastern Europe may abandon communism.

In his speech at the parliamentary assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg on July 6, he said: "The fact that the states of Europe belong to different social systems is a reality. The recognition of this historical fact and respect for the sovereign right of each people to choose their social system at their own discretion are the most important prerequisites for a process leading to a normal Europe.

"The social and political order in some countries did change in the past, and it can change in the future as well, but this is entirely a matter for the people themselves and of their choosing."

He went on: "Any interference in the internal affairs, any attempt to limit the sovereignty of (another) state — friend and ally, or any other — would be inadmissible." To hammer his point home, Mr Gorbachov specifically rejected the use of force.

It would be wrong to dismiss the Strasbourg statements as mere rhetoric. No one in Eastern Europe now has the excuse that Moscow is the obstacle to change. Mr Gorbachov has confirmed that the door leading to change is open to those who want to enter.

The communiqué from the Warsaw Pact summit in Bucharest in July dwelt on relations between the nations of Eastern Europe. It spoke of "the common desire to act in the interests of socialism", but stressed member countries' right to create policies "without outside interference". Communist countries "proceed from the premise that no universal socialist models exist and that no one has a monopoly on truth", it said.

Considering Mr Gorbachov's Strasbourg speech and the changes heralded for the Warsaw Pact and Comecon in Bucharest, the question is: has the first stage of a gradual Soviet disengagement from Eastern Europe begun? From Mr Gorbachov's accession in March, 1985, to the end of 1986, the emphasis was on overcoming the lassitude of the Brezhnev era. At this time an article appeared in *Pravda* emphasizing that national interests must be "correctly conjoined with the internationalist interests of Eastern Europe as a whole" and that communists must "always and in all things remain loyal to Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism". The years 1987 and 1988 saw a much more aggressively reformist Mr Gorbachov.

A series of developments may have influenced Mr Gorbachov in 1989 sufficiently to extract from him the clear statement he made in Strasbourg. In Hungary the reformers have taken up the cause of a multi-party democratic state and appear to have won.

In Poland, the resurgence of "Solidarity" and its electoral victory, with the attendant commitment of a decisive part of the Polish Socialist Workers' Party leadership to democratic change, have placed before Mr Gorbachov the need to embrace the unbearable or risk Poland's collapse into ungovernability.

In China, the Tiananmen Square massacre must have brought home to Moscow that massive use of force in Eastern Europe would backfire. In the Soviet Union, declining economic fortunes, have signalled a two-pronged message: that the Kremlin cannot afford to reward Hungary and Poland economically in return for moderation of their designs for change and that letting them go their own way will make the West more amenable to extending economic favours to Moscow.

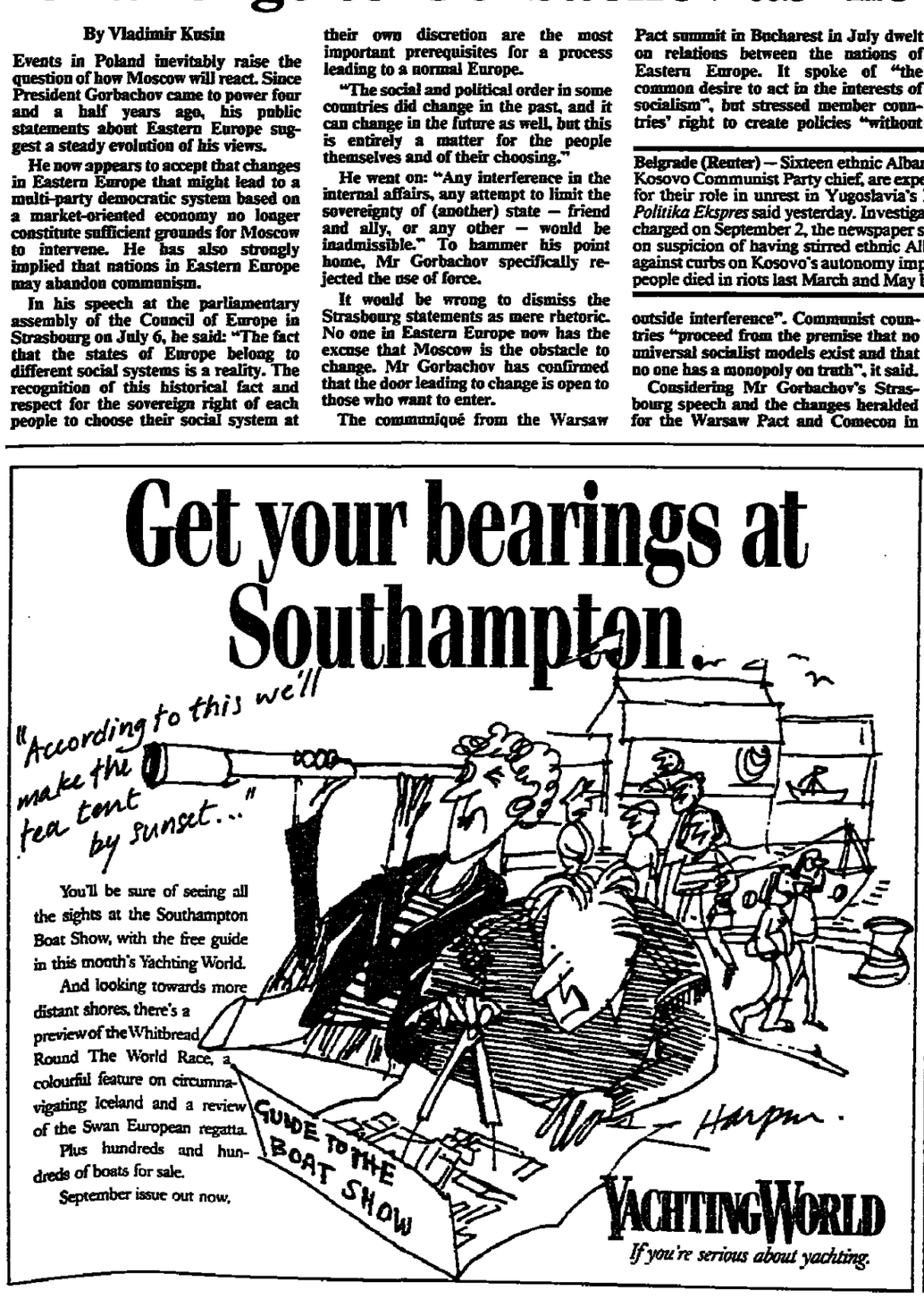
Whether there will be any backtracking will depend on the outcome of the contest of wills over change within the Soviet leadership.

Moreover, the current stage in the evolution of Soviet thinking about Eastern Europe will require more definition. A clear-cut disavowal of the military interventions in Hungary in 1956 and Czechoslovakia in 1968 would be some confirmation of the reality of the "new thinking".

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Belgrade (Reuter) — Sixteen ethnic Albanians, including Mr Azem Vlasi, the former Kosovo Communist Party chief, are expected to go on trial in the middle of October for their role in unrest in Yugoslavia's Kosovo province, the Belgrade newspaper *Politika Ekspres* said yesterday. Investigations have been completed and they will be charged on September 2, the newspaper said, quoting officials. The 16 were detained on suspicion of having stirred ethnic Albanian protests last November and March against curbs on Kosovo's autonomy imposed by the republic of Serbia. Twenty-five people died in riots last March and May by the province's ethnic Albanian majority.

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The Helmsley tax trial

New York feasts on 'public stoning'

From Charles Bremner, New York

Imagine the fun the tabloid press would have had reporting the trial of Marie Antoinette and you might come close to the delight that New York is deriving from the legal humiliation of Mrs Leona Helmsley, its very own royal shepherdess.

The tragi-comedy now being played out in a panelled courtroom in lower Manhattan has everything — wealth, sadism, breath-taking greed and the dramatic justice of watching the mighty get their come-uppance.

For those who missed the opening act, Mrs Helmsley, a billionairess aged 69, is the self-styled "Queen" of the New York hotel and property business. She is being prosecuted, along with two subordinates, for evading $4 million (£2.5 million) in taxes and for applying strong-arm tactics to the suppliers of champagne and other commodities to extort payment in return for supply contracts.

The charges, however, are relatively small change because, along with her husband, Harry, aged 80, who has been excused prosecution because of failing health, Mrs Helmsley makes about $60 million a year in profit from worldwide properties.

TV viewers retain an image of a famous interview in which Mrs Helmsley was shown gambolling with pet sheep in the gardens of Dunnellen Hall, her Connecticut estate, the place she is alleged to have redecorated from the proceeds of her tax-saving schemes. After the cameras left, the public has learnt amid a wealth of other sordid detail, the animals were swiftly converted into chops.

The trial has turned into something akin to a public stoning. A few items should suffice from the daily deluge, all chronicled lovingly by New York's tabloids.

There was the time Mrs Helmsley sacked her vice-president standing in her dressing-room as she was being fitted for a ballgown at Christmas. There was the workman whom she refused to pay for installing a barbecue pit at Dunnellen. When she was told he needed the money to feed his six children, she was alleged to have answered: "Why didn't he keep his pants on? He wouldn't have so many problems."

An employee described how "she threatened to pull me through the telephone wire" if he failed to extort free television sets for Dunnellen from the company that supplied her hotels. And, just this week, the court read the servants' rules at Dunnellen, which demand signatures for every bit of food consumed. Among her penny-pinching ways, Mrs Helmsley was said to return empty bottles for the five-cent deposits. And she charged everything from $300,000 worth of jade ornaments to a $14 bra to her hotel businesses.



Mrs Helmsley. "Pet sheep were converted into chops."

Among those who have joined in the general name-calling surrounding Mrs Helmsley's downfall is Mr Donald Trump, the mega-developer, who decreed that she was a "disgrace to humanity" after the court heard that she tried to cheat him when he bought the St Moritz hotel from her in 1985.

Mr Edward Koch, New York's Mayor and no mean hand in the art of raising hackles, describes her as "the Wicked Witch of the West", and even Mr Franc Turco, her former manager and alleged accomplice, wants nothing to do with her. Explaining why he does not join her for lunch in the court cafeteria, he said: "Someone she fired might try to shoot her."

No wonder Mr Gerald Feffer, her lawyer, decided to opt for a novel tactic known as "psychological inoculation", or the "J.R. Ewing defence".

This involves conceding at the outset that his client is, as he told the court, "one tough bitch" but arguing that that does not itself constitute a crime. In his defence, which opened yesterday, Mr Feffer is in fact trying to show that Mrs Helmsley is so hated and friendless that her employees and business associates cannot be trusted.

Trickle of boat people opt for return to Vietnam

From Chris Pomery, Hong Kong

More than 100 Vietnamese boat people who volunteered to return to Vietnam rather than languish indefinitely in detention centres in Hong Kong flew back to Hanoi yesterday on a special charter flight from the colony.

For the Hong Kong Government's harassed refugee officials, faced with an increasingly truculent population of 41,000 Vietnamese detainees, the sight of the departing Dragonair flight offered only short-lived satisfaction.

The officials are hoping the trickle will soon become a flood and that thousands will volunteer to return, a logistical nightmare they would be happy to tackle tomorrow. The reality today is somewhat grimmer.

As 121 flew out, clutching full shopping bags like eager tourists on the special flight arranged by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, another 425 boat people were picked up in Hong Kong waters and dumped in a grossly overcrowded and less than adequate tented reception site to join 6,000 others living on biscuits and cold tinned fish on one of Hong Kong's barren outer islands.

Yesterday's 121 volunteers were the third group of Vietnamese to request to return to Vietnam since Hong Kong tightened its policy on boat people arrivals last year.

Under the new policy, newly arriving boat people are no longer automatically classified as refugees with the chance of eventually settling in the West. Now described as "economic migrants", almost all will remain in Hong Kong's 13 detention centres until they volunteer to go back or are summarily deported.

Fewer than 700 people have made applications. An attempt by Hong Kong, backed by Britain, to make an early start to "mandatory repatriation", as it is euphemistically known, was cut short a month ago after intense US diplomatic pressure and protests from the UNHCR.

Although a UN conference held in Geneva in June decided that the eventual repatriation of the boat people was the only long-term solution to the exodus, now in its 15th year, it recommended that a decent interval should be left to allow boat people to volunteer to return.

More than 105,000 boat people are spread around 10 first asylum countries in Asia as far afield as South Korea and Indonesia, equivalent to the distance from Scandinavia to central Africa.

Meanwhile, anti-Vietnamese tensions are rising in the colony, the UNHCR is behind on its payments for the upkeep of the detainees and the Hong Kong Government has used up its budget allocation of £50 million for this year, including £4.5 million recently pledged by Whitehall. Despite fears for the safety of those people returning who had fled illegally from Vietnam, UNHCR officials stationed in Hanoi say that no punishments have been made on the 143 who returned from Hong Kong in March and May this year. Although Vietnam has a chronic unemployment problem, a least two of those returning had used the $150 (£93) cash component of their UNHCR grant to move back into private business. However, Vietnamese Foreign Ministry officials in Hanoi point out that the cash amounts to a year's salary for a civil servant and argue that any direct payments to returning boat people could create a circular flow of emigrés. Officials want the money to be channelled into community projects and view repatriation grants as just part of a wider issue, the resumption of foreign development aid to Vietnam. International aid has largely been withheld since Vietnamese troops invaded Cambodia in late 1978, primarily at US insistence.

Ironically, the aid gap has exacerbated Vietnam's economic backwardness and indirectly boosted boat people numbers. Vietnamese officials point out, however, that their troops will be out of Cambodia by the end of next month and that if Western refugee resettlement nations (like Britain) believe Vietnam is a trustworthy enough place to repatriate boat people to, then it no longer deserves to be economically isolated.

● *LONDON*: There was no breakthrough yesterday in talks between London and Hanoi on repatriating large numbers of boat people, despite appearances to the contrary (Andrew McEwen writes). Those who returned yesterday were volunteers and made up the third plane load in a series which falls outside the scope of the talks.

The main obstacle to the scheme Britain is seeking is that the UNHCR has refused to monitor any scheme that is not entirely voluntary.

Britain wants to send large numbers home without using force but with the use of strong persuasion.

It is understood that the United States Government would consider reducing or withdrawing its contributions to the UNHCR if it agreed to monitor such a programme.



Boat people cheerfully bidding farewell to Hong Kong yesterday as they board a UN-chartered plane bound for Vietnam.

32 killed as bus crashes

Harare — At least 32 people were burnt to death or died in the impact, and 66 were injured when an overcrowded bus crashed north of here (Jan Raath writes).

Survivors said the vehicle swerved wildly after a blow-out. It smashed into a tree and toppled into a 6 ft ditch before bursting into flames.

Five freed

Maputo (AP) — The Mozambique Government has freed five foreigners, including a Briton convicted of sabotage, as part of a clemency deal for prisoners.

Drug haul

The Hague (Reuter) — Dutch police confiscated thousands of capsules of the so-called ecstasy drug in the town of Valkenswaard and arrested a Dutchman and four Belgians.

Pilot blamed

Athens (AP) — Pilot error caused the Olympic Airways crash on the island of Samos, in which 34 people died, Mr Nikos Gelestathis, the Communications Minister, said.

Private visit

Belgrade (Reuter) — Mother Teresa of Calcutta has met Mr Reis Malile, the Foreign Minister, and senior officials during a private visit to Albania.

Leadership divided

China confirms arrest of Wang

From Catherine Sampson, Peking

A government spokesman has confirmed that the student leader Mr Wang Dan had been caught, and has suggested that Mr. Zhao Ziyang, the ousted Communist Party leader, may face criminal charges.

Mr Yuan Mu also appeared to rule out the use of force in resolving the diplomatic controversy over the prominent dissident Mr Fang Lizhi.

The state council spokesman made these disclosures in an interview with the Japanese newspaper *Yomiuri Shimbun* which took place on Wednesday, and was made public in Tokyo yesterday.

Mr Wang heads China's list of most wanted student activists. A first-year Peking University student of history, he came to fame in the early days of the student movement. He was in Tiananmen Square on the night of the military onslaught but Mr Yuan confirmed that he had not been arrested until a month ago when he met a Taiwan journalist who was subsequently deported.

The Chinese media has reported no trial of the student activists, although several have been arrested. There is speculation that Chinese leaders are still arguing among themselves about how the students should be treated.

Since they will be charged with political rather than violent crimes, the sentencing will be highly sensitive. While Chinese people in general have reservations about people who throw petrol bombs, they have great respect for student activists.

Equally sensitive is the handling of Mr Zhao. But the likelihood of criminal charges seems to be growing.

"Should comrade Zhao be found to have participated in the recent insurgency, or plotted or instigated the movement behind the scenes, he would face criminal charges," Mr Yuan said.

Mr Zhao was still being investigated by the party, he said, and his future would depend on the findings.

Mr Zhao has been stripped of all his party posts but remains a Communist Party member and cannot face criminal charges until he is expelled. So far he has been blamed for many things but has not directly been accused of the sort of crimes mentioned by Mr Yuan.

The leadership may also be split on this issue. Somehow they have to avoid making Mr Zhao a martyr, or turning him into a rallying point for further unrest. At the same time, they have to be seen to punish him appropriately having criticized him so thoroughly.

The Chinese media omitted to mention the confirmation of Mr Wang's arrest, or the ominous comments about Mr Zhao, but reported Mr Yuan's remarks about the Fang Lizhi controversy. Mr Fang, his dissident wife and his son took refuge in the US Embassy shortly after the pro-democracy protest on June 4.



Professor Fang: Safe in the refuge of the US Embassy.

Students pore over Deng's 80 pages

From Catherine Sampson, Peking

A dozen young men and women sit in the sun beside an ornamental pool on the campus of the People's University, seeming to chat idly.

This is an ideological education class, at which students are expected earnestly to declare their undying devotion to the Communist Party after an intensive study of improving literature.

"Come and join us," says the young man who turns out to be the teacher in charge. He is a new graduate, and spouts the official line dutifully: "Before, I supported the student movement but after reading the documents, I have changed my mind. I think the students went too far."

The class has to pore over 80 pages of speeches and newspaper articles by Mr Deng Xiaoping, China's paramount leader, for six hours a day for a week. All the students have been called back early for this pre-term ritual.

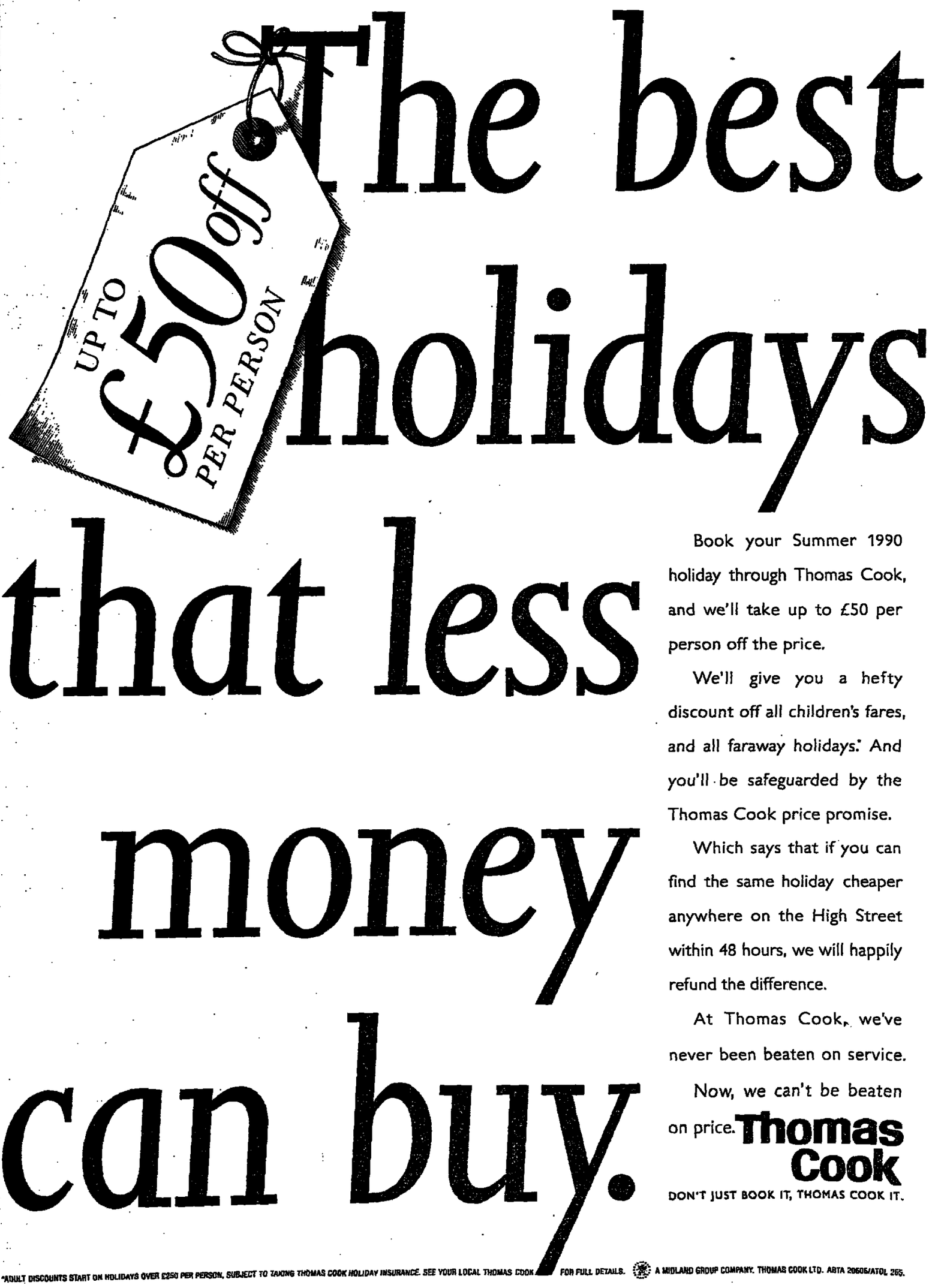
"After reading, we have a discussion, give our opinions, make self-criticisms, then at the end of the week we write something," said the teacher.

What if a student writes that he still supports the pro-democracy movement? "You can write whatever you want, but if you write something like that, then teachers or other students will be told to help you." Even the teacher cannot summon up a great deal of enthusiasm for the text: "I can't say they are interesting exactly, but they are reasonable."

He refuses to say whether he took part in the demonstrations, and is even too embarrassed to say whether he is a Communist Party member.

While their teacher speaks, the students are quiet. They do not seem frightened, but even when asked for their opinion, the teacher answers on their behalf: "I think all the students agree." One young woman, however, is bursting with a question: "Do you believe what our Government says, that they had to put an end to violent demonstrations?" Then: "Well, why did they send in all those tanks?" No one comes up with an answer.

Two and a half months ago, the campus was in mourning for the students who died in the Peking massacre. White flowers were placed in the trees, and bloodstained coats hung from walls. Now the anti-government posters have gone, and where the students used to hold press conferences, there hangs a big red banner proclaiming: "Uphold the four principles, oppose bourgeois liberalization."



International pressure grows on Damascus to forge Lebanese peace

Pro-Syrian forces shell Christians as ceasefire fails

From Mike Theodoulou, Nicosia

A Lebanese ceasefire less than 24 hours old had diminished into a semi-truce by last night and even that looked in danger of collapsing as pro-Syrian gunners shelled the Christian coastline.

Christian and Muslim forces battled across the dividing "green line" in Beirut with mortars and rocket-propelled grenades. One civilian, a Syrian officer, and two of his soldiers were reportedly killed in the renewed fighting.

Pro-Syrian militias issued a statement yesterday saying they would keep shelling harbours along the Christian coast to prevent Iraqi weapons reaching the forces of the Christian leader, General Michel Aoun. They sent 80 shells crashing into residential areas on the coastline north of Beirut to underline their warning.

General Aoun had made his acceptance of the UN Security Council's urgent ceasefire appeal dependent on an end to the Syrian blockade of the Christian enclave.

The Christian Voice of Lebanon Radio station reported him saying he did not need to tell his forces what to do if the Syrians or their Muslim allies shelled ships bringing desperately needed supplies to the Christians. They would automatically retaliate in self-defence.

Despite these numerous ceasefire violations, the big guns remained silent yesterday, giving civilians a chance either to flee Beirut and the battle-zone towns, or to stockpile provisions before returning to their fetid underground shelters.

France had given the ceasefire a vote of no confidence when it announced it was despatching an aircraft carrier to Lebanon.

The Foreign Ministry in Paris said this was to reinforce the frigate Duquesne which was sent to the eastern Mediterranean earlier this week to boost the French naval presence and to be at hand to protect French citizens in Lebanon. The ministry said: "The only purpose of these measures is to provide any assistance which may be necessary."

Analysts here took the wording of the statement – it did not specifically limit the offer of assistance to its citizens alone – to mean that the French warships would be ready to help the Christians if the Syrians break through their defences. The Christians' only escape route is by sea.

Yesterday M Alain Decaux, a French junior minister, was due in Beirut to pursue the intense French diplomatic campaign. But France's show of military muscle in the eastern Mediterranean also suggests it may be prepared to back up its so far unsuccessful diplomatic efforts with more than words.

France, which governed Lebanon between the two world wars, has always taken a keen interest in its affairs since and has traditionally sided with its Christian community.

The Christians remain culturally close to France, with French spoken nearly as much as Arabic, and many professionals graduates of French universities.

The international community, hitherto wary of alienating Syria, a regional superpower without whose co-operation there cannot be peace in the Middle East, yesterday continued to exert growing pressure on Damascus. Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Italian Prime Minister, declared: "I believe great pressure must be exerted on Syria – we have done what we can – so that it joins (peace) efforts by the three Arab states."

The Soviet Union has urged Syria to halt the bloodshed in Beirut. Western diplomatic sources said yesterday (Andrew McEwen writes). Although Moscow does not accept the Western argument that it is best placed to persuade Damascus to change its policy, it has made its views known. British diplomats also held talks with Russian and French counterparts.

He was referring to the latest failed Arab League initiative headed by Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Morocco. Weeks ago defeat was admitted, and it was blamed predominantly on Syrian intransigence.

The international community is still pinning its hopes for a Lebanese solution on Arab League efforts. It was an opinion expressed again yesterday by the British Ambassador in Beirut. The best hope was to "build on the work of the Arab League to start a political process and to stop the firing", Mr Allan Ramsay said in an interview with Voice of Lebanon Radio.

Few Western countries would risk direct involvement in Lebanon after the disastrous experience there of America's contingent in a multinational peace-keeping force in 1983, when more than 200 of its Marines died in a suicide truck-bomb attack by a pro-Iranian fanatic.

Ordinary Lebanese fleeing the carnage are using the opportunity to draw attention to Syria's destructive involvement in their country.

"We can be good neighbours with the Syrians, but we don't want them in our country," Father Elias, a Maronite Catholic priest, said in a Nicosia hotel lobby. Beckoning over a Muslim Lebanese just arrived in Cyprus en route from Damascus, he said: "He'll tell you too. Christians and Muslims can live happily together in Lebanon. The Muslims want the Syrians to go as much as we do."

The Muslim did not disagree. "No talk politics," he said. The priest presented this as proof of his compatriot's fear of the Syrians. "You see, he's afraid to say anything against (President) Assad (of Syria), even here."

It was a common refrain in many Cypriot hotels where the Lebanese are passing through to countries such as France, Canada, and to a lesser extent, because of the difficulty of getting visas quickly, Britain and the US.

The Syrians and their Muslim militia allies took advantage of yesterday's break in the fighting to continue massing troops and tanks along all fronts overlooking the Christian enclave. The Christians used it to bolster their stretched defences with large quantities of ammunition.

Syrian troops in Lebanon did not respond directly to the Security Council's appeal. They could hardly be expected to say they would cease firing when they have consistently and cynically denied ever having fired in the first place.

An editorial in yesterday's *al-Baath* newspaper, the mouthpiece of the ruling Baath party in Damascus, said: "Any objective and wise man who knows the balance of forces in the region could not but scorn claims that Syria was a party to what is happening in Lebanon."

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Long trek from the guns to shelter in south



Hundreds of Lebanese civilians nearing the end of a long trek from the guns of Beirut as they arrive at Beit Hayim in Israeli-controlled southern Lebanon.

The Arab world manoeuvres for position

From Michael Binyon
Damascus

While the fragile UN ceasefire was in place yesterday, bringing a lull in the brutal battle for Beirut, liberation groups and radicals from the Middle East and beyond gathered here to pledge support for the Lebanese Muslims and others fighting General Michel Aoun's Christian forces.

They convened at the Damascus home of Mr Walid Jumblatt, the Druze leader, who is one of Syria's closest allies in Lebanon.

Mr Jumblatt himself remained in Lebanon, where he returned earlier this week, but those rallying to his call for international solidarity included representatives of the Eritrean Liberation Front, the Kurds struggling against the Baghdad Government, the Mujahedin in Iran, opposition groups from Bahrain and Sudan, and even the African National Congress.

Their meeting came after a similar "council of war" by Syria's allies on Tuesday, when Mr Jumblatt and Mr Nabih Berri, the Shia Amal leader, the heads of two radical Palestinian factions and senior officials from the pro-Iranian Hezbollah party came here for talks with Mr Farouk al-Shara, the Syrian Foreign Minister. Dr Ali Akbar Velayati, his Iranian counterpart, briefly was also present.

Syria is understood to have told Iran, which is offering Damascus valuable political and psychological support for its operations in Lebanon, that it should do all it can to secure the release of Western hostages in Lebanon. Syria wants to gain Western understanding by ending the long-standing crisis over the hostages so that it can concentrate on isolating and defeating General Aoun.

American sources here said this was regarded as a potentially very significant move, since it would encourage the quiet dialogue the US is already conducting with Damascus, in which it is urging Syria to show greater flexibility and willingness to compromise in Lebanon.

Syrian forces, meanwhile, continued their build-up along the 66-mile front with the Christians. There are some 40,000 Syrian troops in Lebanon, and Syria has allowed Muslim militias in west Beirut to engage in fighting for the first time since February, 1987.

There was little optimism here that the ceasefire in Beirut would hold. The left-wing alliance gave its "conditional approval" to the UN resolution, but insists that a ceasefire be accompanied by the formation of an inter-Lebanese committee to prevent arms deliveries, mainly from Iraq, to General Aoun's Lebanese Forces.

Brussels – The European Commission announced emergency medical aid totalling £350,000 yesterday for the victims of the battle in Lebanon (Sheila Gunn writes). The funds will be distributed between the International Red Cross and the French agency, Médecins Sans Frontières.

Such a condition was summarily rejected by General Aoun.

Elsewhere, Iraq yesterday stepped up its war of words on its neighbour, accusing Damascus of trying to create "Greater Syria". Iraq also has called for an emergency Arab summit, and has said it will do all it can to help General Aoun.

Iraqi involvement in the Lebanese crisis, mainly to pay back Syria for its support for Iran during the Gulf War, has immensely complicated the situation and dimmed hopes of any political solution to the crisis. The Syrians cannot accept this challenge by Iraq in their own backyard, and feel obliged to respond vigorously to demonstrate that they are still a key force in the Middle East.

With an army of some 450,000 men, the Syrians know they have the strength to defeat General Aoun but, like the Israelis, they see Lebanon as a quagmire and are reluctant to be sucked further in, especially since the likely cost would be heavy casualties.

Syria is dismayed that it has been cast by Western public opinion as the aggressor. It is unwilling, therefore, to undertake any substantial increase in the level of the fighting.

Syria has, however, shown little response so far to Western appeals for restraint. Damascus is especially mistrustful of France, which it sees as a country that has long championed Lebanon's Christians, and is consequently partisan in its approach. The Pope's condemnation of Syrian "genocide" has also angered Damascus.

Syria says it is General Aoun who deliberately increased the fighting in March, and who has since shown little willingness to compromise.

President sworn in



Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani being sworn in yesterday as the President of Iran, two days after obliquely complaining that Ayatollah Khamenei, the nominal new national leader, was hanging on to the post (Hazhir Teimourian writes). Despite yesterday's ceremony, there were clear signs in Tehran that the pragmatic new President faces a severe attack on his political powers by prominent hardliners, even though the Ayatollah appears to have succumbed to the immediate pressure, resigning as President fully two months before his term of office was to expire.

Uneasy peace amid chaos of war

From Michael Knipe, Jounieh

The Montemar hotel on the cliffs overlooking Jounieh Bay, 10 miles north of Beirut, seemed like a good place to stay in war-torn Lebanon. It was only a mile or so from where the nightly hydrofoil from Cyprus docked – the only link with the outside world – and far enough outside the capital to promise a modicum of extra safety.

The six-storey hotel overlooks the sea and the sound of the waves lapping the beach gave the place a pleasurable air of relaxation.

Besides, Jounieh clearly has pretentions of being a fashionable seaside resort. Many of the stylish shops in pre-war Hamra Street in west Beirut have relocated up the coast in Jounieh and the smart neighbouring suburb of Kaslik, while beachside cafés boast names like the Monte-Carlo, La Crêperie, Chez Victor, The Beach Pub and The Pop-In.

The drive into Beirut, passing bomb-blasted apartment blocks, wrecked cars and accumulated litter, takes only 10 minutes on an eight-lane highway. "It used to take more than an hour," says Josef, my driver. He was referring to the traffic jams that occurred before March when General Michel Aoun, the Christian leader, launched his self-described war of liberation causing the Syrians and their allies to mount a blockade on the Christian enclave.

Since then life has been even more arduous for the Christian community, but they continue to display the remarkable resilience that 15 years of civil war have honed to near perfection.

Only days after a particularly ferocious spell of bombardment, shops and offices were open for business, their windows and doors protected by cement breeze blocks, plastic sand bags and sand-filled oil drums.

> I believe in my Lebanon and trust my Lebanon

In Chrafieh, the central commercial and residential area close to the "green line" dividing the city, the narrow streets again echoed to the blast of car horns, as Middle Eastern cities do. Only the occasional craters in the road, torn up palm trees and strands of silver ribbon strung across a street, indicating a family in mourning, marked the recent bombardment.

A further reminder came mid-morning when what everyone calls the "boom-boom" began, indicating bombardment of the Christian area by 130mm guns. It was a sound we heard several more times during the morning but our conversations continued and life carried on.

"When you live with this for years you develop a sixth sense of when you are really in danger," said the official from the Lebanese Forces militia, sipping coffee casually. Like everyone here he listens to the radio for news of current bombardments just as in more peaceful parts of the world you listen to traffic reports.

There were no reports to alarm us on the drive back to Jounieh and the Montemar hotel. But Josef was the first to notice something amiss.

The shops of Kaslik were closed and there were fewer people about than there should have been. The reason became apparent as we drove up to the hotel. There was a four-foot wide crater in the car-park. The windows of the hotel foyer, the restaurant and three single-storey administration offices overlooking the swimming pool had been shattered and the wall of the hotel was pitted with shrapnel.

The waiters had been watching the sea when five shells exploded near some coastal boats less than half a mile away. A moment later the windows shattered. A three-month-old baby girl, the daughter of a guest at the hotel, started crying and was still crying an hour later.

"Thank God no one was hurt," said Mr Tony Tayah, the hotel's urbane owner, as the staff cleared up. They were clearly in a state of shock in spite of having run the hotel since 1968 and suffered three other similar hits in the past three months. "What can we do?" said Mr Tayar. "General Aoun is doing his best but the world is against him.

> Aoun is doing his best but the world is against him

"But I believe in my Lebanon and trust my Lebanon. I would never leave and neither will my daughters."

We ruminated over this, lulled into a sense of peacefulness by the waves lapping the shore and the rhythmic chirping of cicadas. In the background as the sun sank over the Mediterranean came the occasional boom-boom of more shelling.

Gaza set for showdown between Israel and intifada

From Richard Owen
Jabaliya Refugee Camp
Occupied Gaza Strip

At 4am it is still cold in Gaza. Groups of men make their way through the dark, squalid streets, littered with burnt out cars and rubbish, toward the Erez checkpoint which marks the border between Gaza and Israel proper. Gradually the tens become hundreds, the hundreds several thousand.

Light dawns, and with it comes the first hint of the burning heat to come. The men line up patiently outside a walled Israeli army compound, the young ones in jeans, the older ones in Arab robes and headdresses. They are called forward one by one to receive a pink slip with a number on it.

By the end of the day, after shuffling forward, squatting on the dusty ground under makeshift awnings and standing in the sun they receive a plastic, computer-read identity card so that they can continue to work in Israel.

But when they return to Jabaliya, or Khan Yunis, or another Gaza town, a masked youth, one of the *Shebab* who direct the Palestinian *intifada*, steps out of the shadows and demands that the new Israeli-issued pass be given up "in the name of the Palestinian revolution". Few Arab workers disobey.

Gaza is heading rapidly for a final showdown between Israel and the *intifada* leadership, with Gaza's 650,000 inhabitants sealed off, increasingly poor and seething with pent-up anger. "We are caught," said one Palestinian called Mahmoud, aged 33, who was in the long queue for new cards. "I work in a restaurant kitchen in Tel Aviv."

From today, no Arab from Gaza will be allowed to enter Israel without a permit. Mahmoud looked resigned but miserable. The compound smelled of hundreds of closely-packed bodies. "I have three children," he said. Would he give his hard-won card up to the masked *Shebab* and their "popular committees"? He waited until an Israeli officer was out of earshot. "Of course. I am loyal to the Palestinian cause." But without work in Israel, how would he and his family survive? "We are used to living on nothing. And the PLO will help us."

The issuing of new cards for entry to Israel, a scheme which began two months ago, is partly intended to collect unpaid taxes and fines. No Arab can obtain his new permit until his computerized personal record shows he owes no debts to the state.

But according to Brigadier-General Aryeh Ramot, head of the Civil Administration in Gaza, the main purpose is to screen out *intifada* activists who might use jobs inside Israel to carry out acts of violence. "We have to maximize our protection of Israeli citizens and minimize the risk of allowing in troublemakers," he said. Records of Palestinian "criminal and security records" are also on computer.

General Ramot and other officials say the operation is a success. Sixty thousand permits have been issued so far, and Gaza Arabs are still applying. What is at stake is a test of wills. The Israelis believe they have the upper hand because of simple economic imperatives: many Gaza Arabs depend on jobs in Israel for their livelihoods.

In Jabaliya, residents tell the story of one noted Arab family which refused to give up its permits when the *Shebab* came to call.

On the other hand, as one of the leaders of the uprising told us in a clandestine rendezvous at the back of a shop, "struggle involves suffering". He was unnervingly calm and confident, one of the impressively sophisticated activists who have emerged to lead the revolt. His eyes had a cold determination.

The Jabaliya family who had resisted, we were told, were visited again by the *Shebab*, this time 200-strong and armed with knives and iron bars. The cards were given up.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Basic flaws found in Trident design

Washington – The US Navy revealed yesterday that Britain's future nuclear deterrent, the Trident II missile, has built-in design flaws that have caused it to explode in two underwater test launches (Nicholas Beeston writes). The head of the US Navy's ballistic missile programme, Rear Admiral Kenneth Malley admitted that design engineers had committed fundamental miscalculations, underestimating the amount of pressure on the missile as it passes through the water after it is fired from the submarine.

A British official said: "This is the second failure in the last two firings and therefore there is concern. But the overall picture is not that worrying." The Trident II, which will cost Britain £9 billion, had successfully completed 16 out of 19 test firings on land and the missile's test record was not inconsistent with other programmes of this kind.

Husband despairs

The husband of the Midlands teacher missing in northern France believes it would be a miracle if she was still alive, his business partner said yesterday (Craig Seton writes). Mrs Fiona Jones, aged 26, from Kingsbury, near Tamworth, Warwickshire, disappeared on Monday after going for a cross-country cycle ride while her husband, Mark, conducted a business meeting at a 16th-century château at Belle Eglise, near Compiègne, 50 miles north-east of Paris. The couple were on holiday there to celebrate their first wedding anniversary.

Poor start for Kaifu

Tokyo – Fewer than half of Japan's eligible voters approve of the week-old Cabinet of Mr Toshiki Kaifu, according to a new poll by Kyodo, Japan's domestic news agency (Joe Joseph writes). Although support for the ruling Liberal Democrats is inching up, so too is that for the opposition Socialists. The 46.5 per cent rating is the third lowest for a newly formed cabinet since Kyodo began such surveys in the 1960s and underlines the challenge the Kaifu Government faces in holding on to its majority in elections next July for the important Lower House.

Zia is remembered

Islamabad – More than 50,000 people yesterday commemorated the first anniversary of the death of President Zia of Pakistan at his grave in Islamabad (Anatol Lieven writes). There had been widespread fears that the meeting, which was organized by the opposition, might turn into a violent protest against the Government of Miss Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister. But the crowd dispersed without incident after prayers had been offered for the general's soul.

Hop-over to Sydney

Sydney – Qantas, the Australian airline, has conquered the famous "Kangaroo Route" from Britain with one almighty hop (Robert Cockburn writes). The world's longest non-stop commercial airline flight, which left London on Wednesday, reached Sydney yesterday just over 20 hours later with a flight set another record of sorts, with the longest official luggage delay. The bags were obliged to follow behind on the airline's regular stopping flight, one of several weight-saving tricks that made this miracle of modern travel a reality.

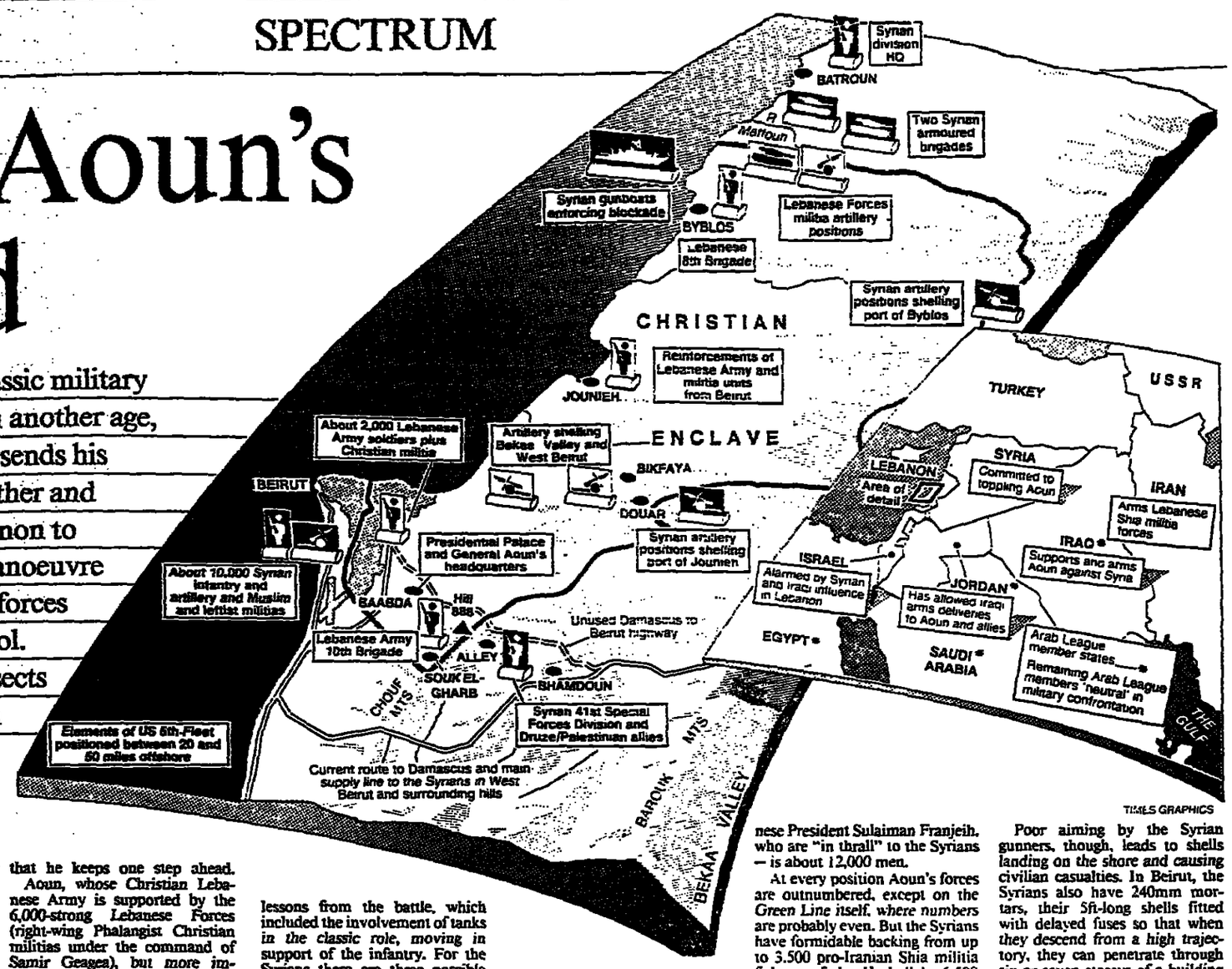
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SPECTRUM

General Aoun's last stand



In what seems a classic military confrontation from another age, Michel Aoun (left) sends his Christian troops hither and thither across Lebanon to outbluff and outmanoeuvre the vastly superior forces under Syrian control. Michael Evans dissects the battle plan with which he hopes to avert final disaster



TIMES GRAPHICS

Three storeys down in a spartan, typically military bunker beneath the bombed-out Presidential Palace at Baabda, north-east of Beirut, 53-year-old General Michel Aoun, leader of the Christian element of the Lebanese Army and Lebanon's self-appointed liberator, prepares for what could be his last stand against the occupying Syrians and their Muslim militia acolytes.

The only surprise element is the presence of his 17-year-old daughter, Mireille, who is also his secretary. The rest of the family, his wife and two more girls, moved to an address outside Beirut after spending more than two months inside the bunker, which is Aoun's command centre.

Aoun, a Maronite Christian, who has launched the most formidable challenge to Syria in Lebanon's modern history, leads a remote and highly security-conscious existence. His defiant and insulting attitude to President Assad has made his death Syria's top priority. He barely sees the sun and is very pale, spending most of his time in his command centre, or at night moving around the "front", the 66-mile line stretching from north of Byblos into the mountains as far as Faraya and south down to Souk el-Gharb and across to the Green Line separating mainly Muslim west and Christian east Beirut.

He has been a professional soldier all his life, a gunner trained by the French and Americans, but had politics thrust upon him at 15 minutes' notice when the outgoing President Amin Gemayel handed him power in September 1988. He has learnt fast.

The battle for Lebanon, of course, is not a full-scale war. Because of the wider diplomatic implications for Assad, the Syrian assault is a relatively restrained affair in strictly military terms – albeit bloody and murderous for the residents of Beirut. Syria may never go for the big push and Aoun, too, has to play both a military and political role.

But the 5ft 4in general, who has pictures of his family and the Madonna in his bunker, may now face a new attempt by his enemies to crush his dreams. The Syrians have already broken the briefest of cease-fires, which had been demanded by the UN Security Council, and there was fighting yesterday on the Green Line. Persistent reports of pro-Syrian force levels increasing rapidly at key vulnerable areas along the front line have only bolstered Aoun's determination to continue his fight against a neighbour who is trying to destroy him.

After five months of artillery duels between the Syrian army, which has 40,000 troops spread around 70 per cent of Lebanon, and Aoun's army of 12,000-14,000 Christian troops, duels that have left 772 people dead and more than 2,051 wounded, nearly all civilians, he is being forced to make rapid tactical changes to his troop deployments to ensure that he keeps one step ahead.

Aoun, whose Christian Lebanese Army is supported by the 6,000-strong Lebanese Forces (right-wing Phalangist Christian militias under the command of Samir Geagea), but more importantly by the Iraqis, has about half his men deployed on the eastern flank, along the crucial ridge that stretches from central Souk el-Gharb to Bikfaya, north-east of Beirut. This "wall" protects the so-called Christian enclave of 310 square miles.

It is crucial because if the Syrians and their militia forces broke through from their positions on the other side of the ridge at Baabda and further north at Bhamdoun, they would be 10 minutes in a straight run from the Presidential Palace at Baabda and the Ministry of Defence at Yarze.

Last Sunday the Syrian 41st Special Forces Division, comprising three armoured brigades with Soviet T62 tanks and BTR60 armoured personnel carriers, supported by a brigade of Druze militia and Palestinians, attacked Aoun's 4,500-man 10th Brigade on Hill 888 at Souk el-Gharb but were repulsed.

Aoun's troops are well dug in on the western side of Souk el-Gharb, adopting a "reverse slope" defensive position, which meant the Syrian and militia forces were sitting ducks as soon as they climbed up over the crest of the ridge. Both sides will have learnt lessons from the battle, which included the involvement of tanks in the classic role, moving in support of the infantry. For the Syrians there are three possible breakthrough points on the ridge: the now unused segment of the Beirut-Damascus road, below Alley, and south-west of Souk el-Gharb. But to use the ridge at Souk el-Gharb and to exploit the three axes leading down towards Beirut and the Presidential Palace, they will have to seize one or more of the access roads – all held by the Lebanese Army.

Aoun therefore must realize that, now he has repulsed the Syrians at Souk el-Gharb, where he faced a 3-2 troop ratio in the Syrians' favour, the biggest threat is more likely to come from the north. Here the ratio is even worse, probably 4-1.

Aoun has less than a quarter of his army guarding the northern flank. His 8th Brigade, consisting of three infantry battalions and one armoured battalion equipped with the latest American M48A5 tanks, is north of Byblos. The brigade has about 2,500 men but is being rapidly reinforced by troops from the 9th Brigade on the Green Line in east Beirut, even at the risk of weakening the traditional mid-city battlefront.

Forward of the 8th Brigade are elements of the Lebanese Forces, which have tanks and artillery and have a foraging role. This unit of highly trained and fanatical anti-Syrian, anti-Islamic and anti-Arab Maronite Christians consisted of only 800 men. But reports say Aoun is now sending several thousand more to join them, and in the past few weeks, despite the Syrian blockade, the Lebanese forces have received huge supplies of Iraqi multiple rocket launchers and tanks.

The Syrians in the north have one division (there are reports of another one forming in the hills), by the main road from Tripoli up as far as the hills. The Syrian northern front headquarters is at Batroun, 19 miles from Byblos. The Lebanese Army claims to have destroyed the Batroun command and control centre, but there is no confirmation.

Six miles south of Batroun two Syrian brigades are located in the Matfoun Bridge area covering two roads – the Tripoli road and the other, which is about two and a half miles east in the hills. Their total manpower – including the Marada Brigade of 1,000 Christian militia troops of the former Lebanese President Sulaiman Franjeih, who are "in thrall" to the Syrians – is about 12,000 men.

At every position Aoun's forces are outnumbered, except on the Green Line itself, where numbers are probably even. But the Syrians have formidable backing from up to 3,500 pro-Iranian Shia militia fighters of the Hezbollah, 6,500 Amal (the main-line Shia Muslim militia), 6,000 hard-core Druze and 1,000 Palestinian guerrillas opposed to Yasser Arafat's PLO, armed by Syria.

Nevertheless, the Lebanese Army's excellent training (at the hands of the United States), morale and equipment are positive factors that could reduce the impact of the superior Syrian manpower. Iraq, Syria's sworn enemy, is keeping Aoun well supplied with modern equipment.

One potentially crucial factor is the Lebanese Army's lack of air cover. If the Syrian air force deployed its fighters in a ground-attack role, the Lebanese Army would have no chance. But the Syrian pilots would be flying within two minutes of Tel Aviv and the Israelis could easily decide they represented a threat and launch an attack. Damascus must realize that Israel would not tolerate Syrian fighters flying so close to its territory. At least, that is what Aoun is relying on. The Syrian artillery consists of 130mm and 155mm cannon, which are able to fire from west Beirut and carry as far as Byblos and the port of Jounieh.

Poor aiming by the Syrian gunners, though, leads to shells landing on the shore and causing civilian casualties. In Beirut, the Syrians also have 240mm mortars, their 5ft-long shells fitted with delayed fuses so that when they descend from a high trajectory, they can penetrate through six or seven storeys of a building down to the lower floors and the cellars, where people are hiding out from the artillery barrages.

Using forward observation officers to direct the fire, the Lebanese artillery bombardment is more accurate. The Lebanese have 130mm, 105mm and 155mm guns, which can fire into the Bekaa Valley and hit Syrian supply lines. This has been done to great effect.

All the weaponry involved in this the present confrontation is regular army main-line Warsaw Pact or Nato equipment, which gives the lie to Syrian claims that the guns are being fired by Muslim militia groups defending west Beirut on their behalf. This sort of kit does not get into the hands of militias.

Aoun is keeping the Syrians guessing about his supposed stockpile of Frog 7 surface-to-surface ballistic missiles, allegedly given by the Iraqis. He wants them to believe that as they have been allowed to shell Beirut, his capital, he has the ability to launch an attack on Damascus, their capital, less than 50 miles away.

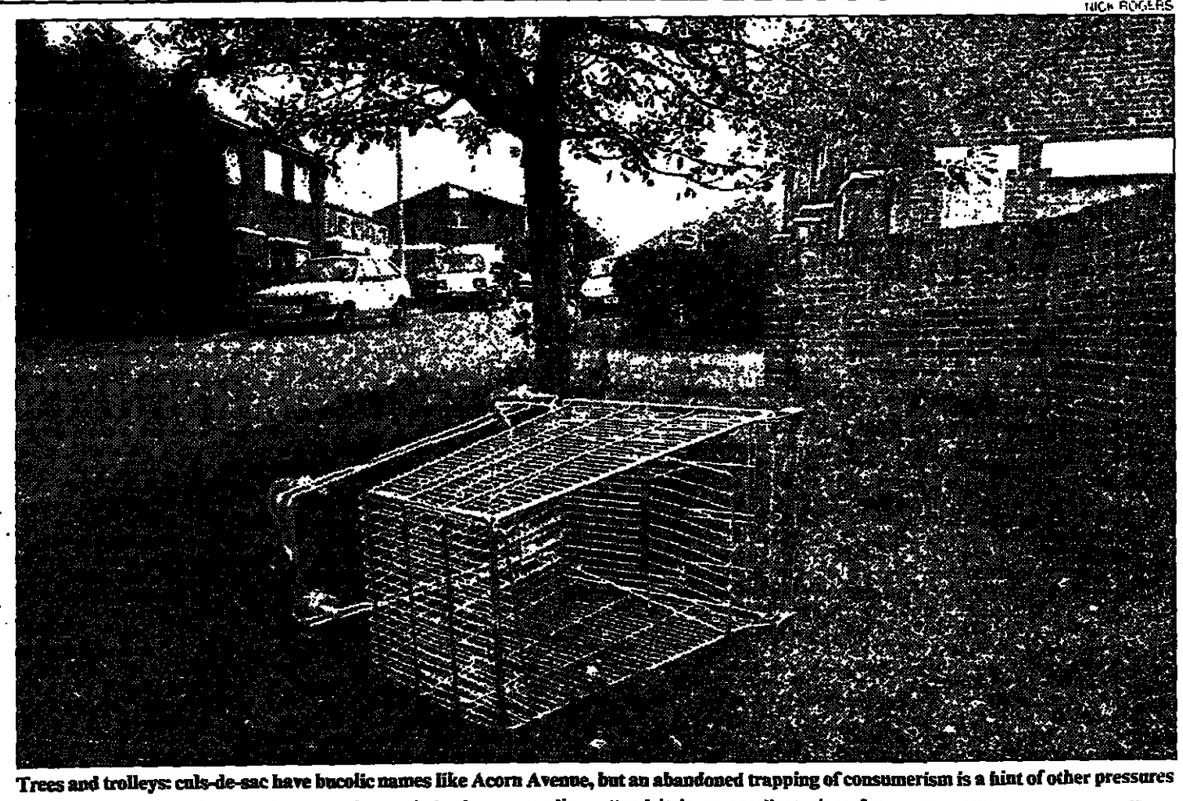
Life in the brave new old world

VILLAGE VOICES

PART 5: Building new communities

Bar Hill village celebrated its 21st birthday this year. Alan Franks examines the aspirations of the new villages to the virtues of the old, with knobs on

IAN ROGERS



Trees and trolleys: culs-de-sac have bucolic names like Acorn Avenue, but an abandoned trapping of consumerism is a hint of other pressures

Container lorries from the M11 buffet their way past the industrial estate in a horizontal wind that arrives unbroken from the Steppes. The factories and warehouses look like even bigger container lorries that have decided to shed their wheels on the same plot. Conifers struggle out of the bricks like green bits on an architect's plan, but there are not enough of them to screen off the worst profiles of these buildings – blind walls, bare pipes, air ducts and service doors.

The rows of cars are as endless as the crosses in a war cemetery, and where there are no cars there are strings of steel shopping trolleys which clang deep into the body of the one in front. The strings shrink and expand as the customers come and go. This is the gateway to the village of Bar Hill in Cambridgeshire, late on a weekday morning, and the shop is a Tesco superstore.

The man from the county's community council, who has been talking about how a sense of place and belonging is passed down in the blood, and can survive a generation of exile, tuts and says: "This might as well be Hatfield."

Yet Bar Hill is a village, that much is official. It happens to be a new one, which makes it less of an anomaly every day. Bar Hill must also be counted as an official adult in human terms, having celebrated its 21st birthday this year.

While so far the judgements from outside have been harsh, the community itself does not regard the place as a failure. It can call as witnesses the children of the village school, who have conducted, with optimistic results, a very clear-eyed survey of Bar Hill's virtues and defects.

From a distance, Bar Hill looks like nothing more than a new suburb that has had its town confiscated. There are now 4,000 residents, and the skyline of houses is unrelieved. Then there are the church and the pub, traditionally neighbouring HQs of the sacred and the secular in English village life, from Chaucer to Chesterton. The Fox feels about as local as London, with the barman shouting the numbers of the chicken-nugget orders over the jukebox. The church spire is a vestigial nipple that caps a tiny octagon. If Mammon is represented by Tesco, then there is absolutely no contest here in the battle for dominant images. And all this was *planned*?

The road that girdles the settlement has a lot to contend with; taken anti-clockwise it skirts the industrial site, and taken clockwise it starts off in deafening distance of the motorway. The names of the culs-de-sac in the interior network have painfully bucolic yearnings: Acorn Avenue, Foxhollow, Pheasant Rise, Partridge Drive. And yet, if you walk up through the middle, between the health centre and the church, you pass through a stile scuffed at pram height, and find yourself at the corner of a really quite immense green, with a barn-like village hall at the opposite corner.

It was planned in the 1960s by the London architect, Coville Matthews, in such a way that the residents could enjoy their privacy, while the layout meant that people would tend to bump into each other in the course of crossing the village. If you can measure the health of a community in terms of the busyness of its residents' association, then Bar Hill must be considered to be in the pink. Every month there is a newsletter vibrant with local activity, and the longer-standing residents say that one of the best benefits of life in Bar Hill is that there is always plenty to do, and never a shortage of people prepared to organize the doing.

House prices have soared, and you would expect nothing else in a region (East Anglia) identified by the Halifax building society last year as the one with the fastest increase of property values. In Bar Hill an average two-bedroom starter home is going for £65,000, while the larger executive-type houses in The Fairway command four times that amount.

There is a degree of egalitarianism in the very novelty of such a place; how can you invoke an association of centuries for the purposes of snobbery, when the place is younger than its average inhabitant? How, for that matter, can you "spoil" such a village with new buildings, when all the old buildings are also new? Is this, at last, the unspoilt, unspoilable village?

The Rev James Newcombe has been here for seven years, and loves it. "One of the reasons is that I have a young family," he says, "and it is an excellent place for children. It had a pretty bad reputation, but that really was ill-founded, and based entirely on the observations of people who do not live here. It was almost as though they were willing the village to fail.

"You mention egalitarianism, and that is obviously true. But something even more remarkable has happened. Our church now has six denominations, including the Roman Catholic. It has become, in effect, an ecumenical centre. I wonder how many communities you could find where such a thing has taken place. I also wonder whether it could have occurred if we had not shared this peculiar experience of having started from scratch."

Michael and Anne Duce were among the first couples to move into the village 22 years ago. "There were just four roads and no shops when we arrived," he recalls, "and we watched everything go up, just as it was planned. I think the village is now as large as it should be, but I won't be surprised if we come under tremendous pressure in the next few years from developers wanting to build more homes on the space that is left."

Bar Hill is no dream village. Dream villages are by definition unobtainable, because they cannot trade with a real world in such motion as the English countryside. To try to root a village of the past in a blueprint of the future is to build bricks without straw. "What remains, for a large number of people who crave a rural life, is the Village in the Mind," says Howard Newby, author of *The Countryside in Question*, and recently appointed chairman of the Economic and Social Research Council.

"I don't believe there is now any such thing as an unspoilt village, in the sense of unchanged village, because the ones that *appear* to be so will in fact have started to draw the weekenders for that very reason. The newcomers will be agents of change."

In a community composed entirely of newcomers, like Bar Hill, it becomes harder for anyone to pretend to be something he is not. Village-in-the-Mynde, in the county of Fantasyshire, is a whole world away from here. If ever its spectre were to be blown across the Fenland air via Ely and Willingham and Longstanton, it would be sent packing at once by the clang of a Tesco trolley.

SOLE SURVIVOR OF THE SIXTIES

Bar Hill, hailed as the "first new village of the century", is the sole survivor of a scheme launched in the mid-Sixties to create a necklace of villages around Cambridge to ease congestion in the city. According to Gillian Darley, author of *Villages of Vision*, a whole generation of planned new villages was abandoned when the bubble burst. In the event, no more than half a dozen villages were built around the country.

New Ash Green in Kent also fell prey to the changing economic climate. Described in 1967 as "a unique social experiment", its original developers were forced to pull out because their idealistic designs were not economic. Construction was completed by Bovis on a more conservative level. Nevertheless, a sense of community prevailed, helped by determination on the part of the new villagers and a covenant drawn up in 1968 which laid down that no radios could be played after 11pm, no cars could be parked in front of houses, and no persons of "drunken or immoral habits" could dwell in the village.

Martlesham Heath, built in the early 1970s outside Woodbridge in Suffolk, partly to serve the Post Office research establishment, has also flourished thanks to an active resident's association.

During the same period the tiny mining village of Harriston in the Lake District was revitalized when an enterprising district council rebuilt each cottage on its original site using traditional materials.

Present day schemes for new villages are still in the pipeline. The Prince of Wales hopes to create several model villages on a 350-acre site outside Dorchester in Dorset, part of the Duchy of Cornwall estate. James Gladstone, a Berkshire landowner, has commissioned designs for Upper Donnington, near Newbury, a neo-classical village encompassing a blend of flats, houses, shops and a traditional village hall. It is awaiting planning permission.

Nicholas Ridley, the former Environment Secretary, launched his Rural Village Initiative discussion paper last summer. It advocated "well-designed development on a village scale". Gillian Darley believes there is a danger that some developers could exploit the proposals by utilizing the emotive term "village" as a marketing ploy – a means of making more palatable the creation of industrial new towns.

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TIMES DIARY

ROBIN YOUNG

We British are to lose control of time. When the Royal Observatory withdraws from Herstmonceux in Sussex to the clearer skies of La Palma in the Canary Islands, it will also mean the end of *Greenwich Mean Time*. The familiar pips on BBC radio will no longer come from the Observatory's time-keeping service but from a system of costly quartz digital timepieces supplied to Broadcasting House from Canada. It will be bad enough living on borrowed time, let alone getting it from a country hitherto known only for the production of lumberjacks, Mounties, beverages for lager louts and PCB waste. The Observatory's explanation is that henceforward it intends to devote all its energy to stargazing. Am I alone in wondering whether this is a waste of time?

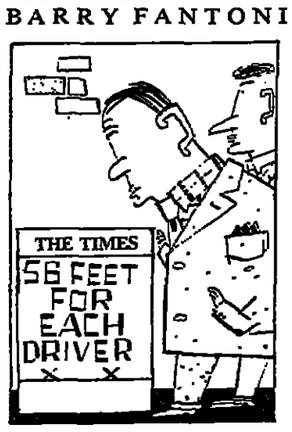
The robin in my garden has recommenced singing, while the swifts are gone and Mrs Blackbird has withdrawn to a bush to mope while her feathers fall out. I see from the RSPB journal, *Birds*, that marked changes are occurring among garden birds throughout the country. Song thrushes, dunnocks and even house sparrows, says a report compiled by David Glue, are in decline. Collared doves, he writes, have peaked. But there are more spotted woodpeckers, siskins, goldfinches, and reed buntings. It is on starlings, I feel, that Glue comes unstuck. They are, he says, "endlessly amusing in any garden". Not in mine, they're not. They gang up on neighbouring roofs and storm in like a gang of muggers to steal every scrap of food in sight. At this rate no reed bunting is ever going to get a look in.

For the first time ever I was yesterday morning at the very spot mentioned in a BBC traffic flash. The *Today* team warned that the slip road from the A12 to the M25 was completely blocked by a jackknifed lorry just as I was approaching it. Not only was there no tailback. The slip road was completely clear.

● **The information officer at the Home Office answering for police recruitment, you might like to know, is named Robin Hood.**

Dogs are having their day. Their food is now so upmarket that in a survey of people's impressions of advertisements, respondents mistook a brand called Sheba for pâté (it might even be healthier), and now I hear that in America the latest thing is a dog's dinner jacket. Price: $45. Meanwhile a product called Cat Loo is claimed to be a "new scientific invention" which is going to solve the problems caused by housebound cats. It cannot be all that wonderful, though. The added inducement to purchase is "a free scoop".

BARRY FANTONI



'Why is it I always share mine with at least five others?'

Here is the week's good cause. The three-manual tracker organ at St Mark's, Dalston, is desperately in need of repairs costing about £50,000. Built in 1871, the organ is one of the largest made by Henry Speechly but the bellows are split and could collapse any day. Good reasons to support St Mark's are that this "cathedral of the East End", the largest parish church in London, is also in the poorest of the boroughs (hapless Hackney). Apart from the organ the church has (though few locals probably know it) unique stained glass windows in its roof (John Betjeman described the church as having "scalding glass") and its tower contains the only known working turret barometer in Europe. Worth a fiver (to the Vicarage, Sandringham Road, E8 2LL), surely.

Looking ahead to this year's TUC conference, if you should see Norman Willis scribbling abstractedly during the boring bits he will not be writing poetry. An honorary vice-president of the Poetry Society, one of whose proudest achievements is to have persuaded British Rail to name an engine on the Hull to London line Philip Larkin, Willis admits that he used to write his own wry and whimsical verse during TUC meetings. But he has given it up, he says, because he feels it is irreverent. Now, when it is boring, he draws pictures instead.

Roger Boyes reports on Poland's heady air of expectation

Hazards ahead for Walesa

Warsaw

Poland's communists have this week taken a leaf out of the Book of Job. It has been a time of plagues, of eruption, of aching retreat. There was even a classical Old Testament omen: on the Baltic coast, swarms of ladybirds, blown in from East Germany, have been blanketing the beaches and turning nasty.

From the Baltic coast yesterday came Mr Lech Walesa intent on forming a non-communist government, the first in the history of the Soviet bloc; a real defeat for an already ailing ideology. The Peasants Party and the Democrats, the political ladybirds, docile partners of the communists for four decades, have discovered their own strength and broken free of a suffocating and largely pointless alliance. On Wednesday night they declared their readiness to serve under Walesa. Whether he will become prime minister is still an open question, but a Solidarity premier is inevitable.

This is more than parliamentary gamesmanship. Poland, like the Soviet Union and Hungary, is in transition between two worlds. The other reforming countries, however, have communist parties capable of controlling the pace of change. The rot in Poland's party has spread like a devastating fungus. There are few, if any true believers. One recalls a poem by Adam Wazyk:

They ran to us shouting:
Under Socialism
a cut finger does not hurt
They cut their fingers
They felt pain
They lost faith

The failure of the centrally planned communist system to meet elementary consumer expectations or even honour the contractual promises of power — job security, say, or an adequate health service — has propelled Poland into an ideological limbo, all futures betrayed. Where else to go then, but backwards? To a form of neo-capitalism that can fill shops, restore the value of money and, above all, give people time to develop a private, civil society. There is an old Warsaw joke: communism is the longest, the most painful road from capitalism to capitalism.

How, though, to make this transition? Poland today resembles an auction room in which political freedom and economic liberty is being bidded continuously up. There is no reserve price, no calculable limit. A non-communist premier? Fine. So why not a Solidarity premier? Also fine. The only frontiers are self-imposed: a communist for defence minister, a commitment to stay in the Warsaw Pact. Up and up goes the bidding until, at last, the country will arrive at some minimal definition of market socialism.

This way, the Polish way — and the Czech way before 1968 — could lead to chaos, and disaster, but is unavoidable. There is another road to market reform and that is through the mechanism of a police state: Kadarist Hungary built its economic reform on a decade of purges; Chile and South Korea also pursue economic liberalization within an authoritarian state.

But market forces tend to disperse authority, weaken central control; they create social inequality which, if ignored by authoritarian states, becomes intolerable. Market reform, in the long term, will always demand some form of political pluralism. Poland, in any case, tried a police state model in the winter of 1981: economic reform and bayonets did not mix.

The move to a market economy requires strong government and a high degree of national consensus. Even Ludwig Erhard, the architect of West Germany's post-war miracle, had almost authoritarian power when he imposed a currency reform that wiped out personal savings at a stroke. There is no comparable authority, no comparable readiness for sacrifice in Poland.

Instead, with inflation of 236 per cent and climbing, the workers are staging dozens of wildcat strikes for pay rises so that their wives can buy meat. Their slogan is "Give us a Solidarity government", but even that will not provide ready-made solutions. The only solution for Poland is to control the present round of auction bidding and, without resorting to the trappings of a police state, to wind down popular demand.

The Roman Catholic Church can play a role in this — above all in protecting the new poor — but mainly Poland needs a leader capable of leading, and not just dictating. Walesa's task — or that of whoever forms the Solidarity government — is to offer a second-generation contract. That is, to persuade Poles that sacrifice now will benefit their children later. Few are ready for this at the moment. The queue outside the US embassy numbers several thousand; for many worker families emigration is the only exit from crisis.

Poland, then, is a land without maps. As it lunges towards parliamentary democracy, the pace of change is accelerating. The Communist party is splintering, but so too are its erstwhile allies and Solidarity. The political undercurrents — Christian democracy, social democracy, anti-Russian populism — are all coming to the surface.

Poland was not made for a rigid parliamentary bipolar system, though as the Communist party loses its mission it is developing a more and more symbiotic relationship with Solidarity. It needs Solidarity to define its own role.

Communists, if they are to preach market reform, must abandon primitive egalitarianism. And as they have no real economic power, they cannot redistribute in favour of the weak or under-privileged. They have long ago left behind their main constituency: the depressed industrial working class.

Until today, however, the communists could unite on one thing: their contempt for Solidarity, which was irresponsible, counter-revolutionary, crypto-this, crypto-that. The communist proposal to share power with Solidarity was never intended to be a marriage of equals; it was a hostile takeover bid, an attempt to poison with power. Now, with Solidarity poised to run the country, the party must brace itself to go into opposition in a nominally communist state. That, it seems, is the price of reform.

"I'm thinking of writing to Amnesty," a party sociologist told me yesterday. "We have become an oppressed minority." There was no pause for laughter.

Roger Scruton believes we have a duty to support General Aoun against the Syrians

Lebanon's ruthless oppressor

From its beginning the Lebanese conflict has been surrounded by such a screen of disinformation that it is hardly surprising if Western journalists often misunderstand it. Nevertheless, certain facts are common knowledge in Lebanon and ought to be common knowledge here.

The most important fact is that Syria does not recognize the existence of Lebanon as a sovereign state. It is not, therefore, exercising a "peace-keeping" function in a country whose independence it seeks to restore, but exerting its own sovereignty over territory to which it has no legal claim. Lebanon, for President Assad, is part of "Greater Syria" which, in his thinking, also includes Palestine and Cyprus.

Secondly, the Lebanese civil war was precipitated, in 1975, by the Palestinians, who had been armed in Syria and sent to Lebanon with this very intention. The delicate balance of the Lebanese state — until then the only genuine democracy in the Arab world — was destroyed, and the various factions, egged on by Syria, began to fight for control.

When Assad offered his "assistance", it was to his lackey, the outgoing president, Suleiman Franjieh, who accepted it, without the authority of the Lebanese assembly, in the expectation of a suitable reward. Franjieh is now one of the privileged barons who hold lawless sway over a portion of Lebanese territory, enjoying the help and protection of the Syrian army and secret police.

Thirdly, the Syrians do not have the support of the Lebanese Muslims. Far from it. The problem is that no Muslim on Lebanese soil may now dare to raise his voice against them unless he lives, as many do, in the so-called Christian sector. Since the Syrian occupation the leaders of the Muslim communities have been systematically assassinated as soon as they have shown any sign of objecting to Syrian rule. That was the fate of Kemal Jumblatt, leader of the Druze, who was shot as soon as he objected to Syrian gunposts on Lebanese soil. It was the fate of Musa al-Sadr, the Shia imam, who was done away with (Colonel Gadaffi assisting) when it became clear that he aimed to improve the standing of his community in an independent Lebanon.

It was the fate of Rashid Karami, the Sunni prime minister, who, after much vacillation, had begun to oppose the Syrian occupation of Tripoli, his home town. And it was the fate of Bashir Gemayel, Maronite leader and president-elect, blown to pieces by a Syrian bomb just as he was about to embark on the war of liberation that it was left to General Michel Aoun finally to undertake, in circumstances which by then were far from propitious.

The most recent of these assassinations is perhaps the most telling: that of the Sunni mufti in West Beirut, who made the error of declaring that the shells which were devastating his part of the city were launched not by the Lebanese Army in East Beirut but by the Syrians — who, as everybody in West Beirut knows, but none dares say, regularly use this method of fuelling the conflict.

For similar reasons, it would be quite wrong to regard Salim al-Hoss, the unofficial Sunni "prime minister", as legally entitled to that office, which he twice refused when urged to accept it by the outgoing president and which therefore devolved on the president's second nominee, General Aoun.

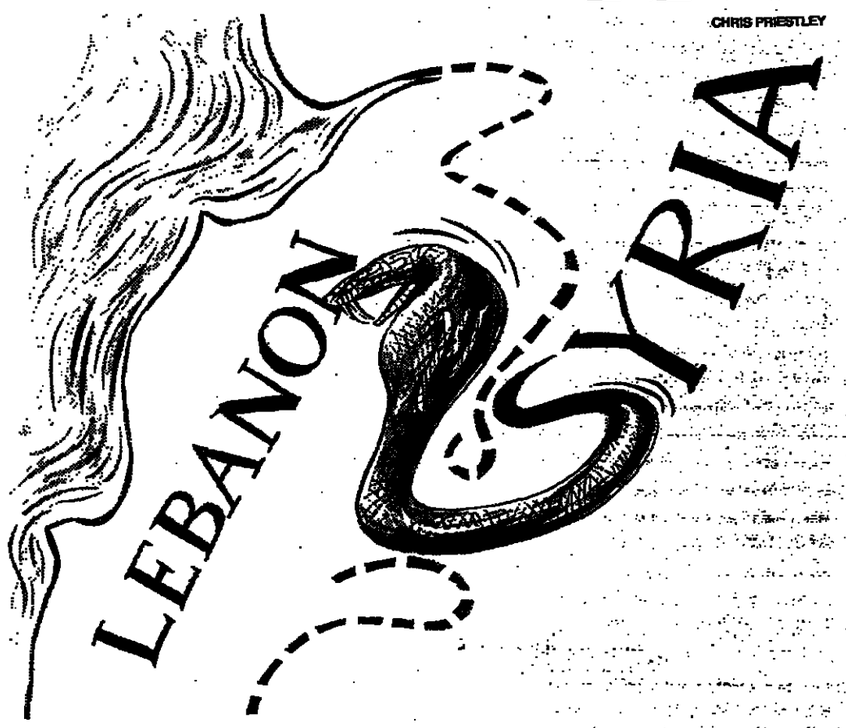
Al-Hoss's position was foisted on him by the Syrians, who had first taken his only daughter into "protective custody" to make sure he understood their meaning. And to help him in executing his duties, the Syrians ensure that Al-Hoss's pronouncements are printed in the West Beirut newspapers, so that he can discover in the course of the morning what they are.

Nobody should doubt the ferocity of the Syrian occupation. Having just returned from Lebanon, where I talked to many — mostly Muslims — who had experienced it, I can only say that it matches anything I have read about the Nazi occupation of France or the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

Anyone remotely suspected of opposing the Syrians is imprisoned, tortured, and usually killed. The families of potential dissidents are taken hostage and killed at the slightest sign of rebellion. The economy operates under Syrian secret police "protection", and the drug trade, run by the Syrians, now dominates every other.

To suppose, therefore, that the Lebanese Muslims support the Syrian occupation is to show a remarkable contempt for them. In fact the equivalent of a brigade of Muslim soldiers of the Lebanese army has already gone over to the Eastern sector, at great risk to their families, to fight beside Aoun. Not one of those to whom I spoke doubted that the "war of liberation" is necessary, or that Aoun has the backing of Lebanese of all confessions. Those that speak or fight on behalf of the Syrians — Nabih Berri and Walid Jumblatt, for example — do so from Syrian-held territory, and enjoy the rewards of compliant vassalage.

CHRIS PRIESTLEY



Why are those facts so little known? The answer is simple. Western journalists reside, as a rule, in West Beirut and are as much hostage to the Syrians as their Muslim neighbours. They remember what happened to those, such as the French journalist Michel Seurat, the Lebanese Sunni journalist Selim Laouzi and the London-based television reporter, John McCarthy, who were openly critical of Syria. Neither Seurat nor Laouzi died pleasantly, and McCarthy is now a hostage, one of the many held under Syrian auspices in order that the hands of the West should be tied.

But our hands are tied only if we wish them to be. We have a plain duty to Lebanon, not only because of its past in the history of Christendom but also because it has been the only durable Arab democracy, the only state with a sustained rule of law and the only one whose presidents have assumed office, and left it, without the aid of bullets.

We have a duty to those Lebanese of all confessions who are fighting in the Eastern sector in a last-ditch attempt to save their country from annexation by one of the world's most vicious terrorist states. Why then, are we not contemplating the course of action which is manifestly open to us: that of lifting the illegal blockade mounted by the Syrian navy against the free ports of Lebanon?

As our experience in the Gulf demonstrates, the effective policing of international waters can have a decisive effect on local conflicts, however serious. And in this case there is absolutely no doubt who is in the right, who deserves our support, and who is our enemy.

Having a privileged time, glad you're not here

Robert Kilroy-Silk takes issue with the snobbish view of mass tourism

What do Brigitte Bardot, Auberon Waugh and the *Independent* have in common? All are snobs, wanting to keep the good things in life to themselves rather than share them with the rest of us.

For Bardot, San Tropez was fine when she and her strays had it to themselves — but now it has been discovered by the *hoi polloi* she is leaving for the rest of the summer in a pout. Waugh says he will not go near China now it has been discovered by the masses. The *Independent* smugly insists that while middle-class tourism, the "aficionados of the Dordogne or Provence", is acceptable, mass-market tourism is to be condemned.

In common with much of the British press, it has turned its cold, patronizing stare on those who manage to pay for a couple of weeks' package holiday abroad. Hardly able to disguise its glee at the difficulties some have encountered this year, the *Independent* takes inexplicable pleasure in the fact that Mediterranean package holidays "look increasingly unappealing", and gloats that there will probably be bankruptcies among the tour operators.

Better, it asserted, if everyone had stuck to the "intelligent tourism" of the rich who have "patronized the French Riviera for almost two centuries", forgetting, or ignoring, the fact that the only time the recent ancestors of those now on a package holiday ever went abroad was to fight and die for their country. Now that their offspring can travel in their own right they are smirked at and begrudged their pleasure.

Brigitte Bardot, Auberon Waugh and the *Independent* are not the only ones. Large sections of the British so-called quality press have adopted an equally superior attitude, swooping with delight on the mishaps that have occurred this year in some foreign parts. From the moment that sewage, alleged to have caused typhoid, was discovered on the beach at Cap de Salou in Spain, we have been drowned in a cascade of gloating cartoons, patronizing editorials and censorious reports.

And what do all these problems amount to? Not much, considering that it's a whole continent we are talking about. The *Daily Telegraph*, which went to great trouble and expense to compile a country-by-country analysis, complete with explanatory maps, was hard put to sustain its indignation.

It warned us of typhoid in Salou, sunstroke in Almeria, mugging in Seville, forest fires and floods in France, beggars and bandits in Italy, pollution in Florence and, straining hard to make a poor story more dramatic, there were murmurs of a gang in Istanbul offering tourists drugged sweets before stealing their travellers cheques. And luggage was being stolen at Corfu airport, as if it was always safe at Gatwick and Heathrow.

The *Sunday Telegraph* summed it all up. "For millions of British tourists", it grandly declared, "filthy beaches, contaminated water and unhygienic hotels and restaurant kitchens will be unwanted holiday companions this summer." So will they be in Britain. For every word of that sentence, which no doubt is true of some Mediterranean resorts, applies equally to this country, probably more so. And we have added to it the risk of catching meningitis at Brixham, in Devon.

For staying at home also has its perils. Indeed, the hazards are often greater than those attributed to the Costas. Apart from the congestion at the airports for those wanting domestic flights, there are jams on the roads, not just at weekends, but every day, every week, and chaos on the railways and the London Underground. Indeed, on the same page on which the *Independent* scorned the pitfalls of the foreign package holiday, it carried an extensive account of how London, with its filth, fumes, legionnaire's disease, muggers and general decay, had become "an example of British rot".

It is foreign hotel standards, with en suite bathrooms and swimming pools, that the British now demand at home and which our boarding houses in Blackpool and Brighton aspire to.

Our beaches are among the filthiest in Europe, with untreated sewage appearing on more than one of them, our drinking water is by far the most polluted, and much of our food is contaminated. The *Daily Telegraph* says that hotels and restaurant kitchens abroad are unhygienic, yet hardly a week has passed in Britain this year without yet another outbreak of listeria or salmonella poisoning.

Then there are the muggers and the yobs. Drunken riots occur so frequently nowadays — for example, police fought 200 youths for three hours in Harlow last weekend — that they not only go unreported but the police also tend to avoid them.

None of this minimizes the problems of the Mediterranean resorts, but it does put them into the context of our own local difficulties, which are many and great. The fashionable snobbery of decrying the package holiday and asserting that staying at home in Britain is best is all right for those with inherited Georgian houses in Somerset, or those who can afford to spend nine weeks in the Lake District.

Most of those from the back streets of Birmingham, Bradford, Liverpool and Leeds have no such choice. These people, along with coal miners and steel workers, who produce our essential goods and services were called heroes when they fought in all our wars right up to the Falklands. They were not sneered at then.

Perhaps their self-appointed superiors, the arbiters of taste and their London mouthpiece, could leave them to enjoy their holidays in peace.

When Crickle was almost Holly

The millions of you with nothing better to think about will recall that exactly four weeks have passed since this rickety soapbox trembled beneath my fulminations anent the greenfield site opposite my house, and the ambitions of University College School to bung thereon a big brick swottery.

During those weeks I have been relaxing in France, putting the whole business out of my mind and jotting rough notes about my next book, a thriller in which a number of prominent people are horribly done to death in an equal number of extraordinarily inventive ways, with no apparent connection between them, until a brilliant young detective from Cricklewood CID suddenly twigs that they were all governors of University College School.

Home yesterday, I started to stroll across the road to see whether anything untoward...or, God forbid, toward...had been perpetrated in my absence. Structuralists among you will have observed that the stroll stopped. This was because a sign had gone up at the entrance to the greensward. I could not yet read it, and I stopped because I needed to prepare myself for the moment when I should be able to. What would it say? *Boys' Skyscraper Going Up, Another Fine Development by UCS Properties plc?*

I put the girded loin into gear, and walked on. The sign said: "Greystoke Productions Film Unit This Way."

After the colour had drained back into my cheeks, I peered past it to a ring of production pantechnicons, mobile canteens and sound-vans drawn into an encirclement much in the manner of covered wagons. Beyond these, and beneath a battery of cameras and lights, two teams of small boys were playing football.

Coo-er, was my first thought. My second was that during my absent month the fury of the Cricklewood communards had been such that UCS had chucked in the sponge and was now seeking to amortize its investment by leasing the site to film-makers. Film-makers, moreover, of a very serious order. For what could Greystoke Productions be but the company responsible for



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Greystoke, obviously reconvened for the purposes of *Greystoke II*, in which the subsequent career of Tarzan is charted; perhaps, who knows, to the climax in which he is summoned from Backbenches-deux-Eglises to lead the Conservative Party?

Well, now. How were I and the other communards to react to this? A film industry was an altogether different kettle of development from a prep school. Giant wonky letters in the hillside spelling CRICKLEWOOD might upset some, but others might well feel the heart beat a mite faster at the prospect of Tinseltown. We might all get swimming pools and see Meryl Streep in the launderette. Hacks among us might be called in for emergency script-surgery at a tenner a word. To use of cat/child/lodger as extra, £5,000, used notes only. A series of *The Cricklewood Greats* could well see Barry Norman chirping on our very own front walls, a feature no estate agent could ignore in the imminent boom.

Of course, there would probably be a lot of wild parties, full of undraped nubilia trying to ingratiate itself with influential local journalists in the hope of a column-inch or two; but we should just have to learn to take the rough with the smooth.

Ambivalences jostling in my head, I walked down the path towards the bivouac. Much faded denim ambled among the snaking cables, but if there were major stars about, they evaded my discreet craning. Probably in make-up. Possibly snorting something behind the bike-shed. Having nervous breakdowns, perhaps. They do that.

Thus it was that, suddenly addressed, I jumped. A young man was inquiring whether he could help. He gave me his card. It said he was Jevon O'Neill.

No-one called Jevon had ever come to Cricklewood before. I wanted to ask if he was any relation, because if you can call a girl Tatum, you might very well call a boy Jevon, but I didn't.

I merely said: "What's the film about?" He said: "It's a commercial for the *Sun*. We'll be gone by tea-time."

Their revels now are ended. The insubstantial pageant just went up the road in half a dozen trucks and took the baseless fabric of this vision with it. Jevon says the commercial goes out on ITV this Sunday, but I needn't worry. It doesn't mention Cricklewood.

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A WEEK OF HOPE

Northern Ireland has been braced all week for extraordinary trouble. The anniversaries being commemorated have powerful political and emotional symbolism for both communities.

In one sense, the predictions were fulfilled. Television pictures recorded the familiar tapestry of marching flags, burning buses, and plastic bullets — business as usual in August two decades on.

But the images that linger afterwards are of a wholly different kind. The new Chief Constable of the RUC meeting the people at a Republican demonstration; public figures calling for a moratorium on the marking of anniversaries; pyramids of visiting photographers shooting pictures of photogenic urchins throwing stones at squaddies.

For good reasons, caution often prevails over expressions of optimism about the future of Northern Ireland. The memory only has to be cast back to the spring of last year to recall the ugly sequence of deaths which began with the shootings in Gibraltar, continued at the graveside grenade attack in Andersonstown and finished with the mob lynching of two British soldiers. The rate of killing, year in and year out, gives no cause for complacency.

But it cannot disguise changes which have taken place and which the events of the past week have thrown into relief. It is almost impossible to encourage large-scale public disturbance if the will is not there. Even last year's worst period did not lead to widespread rioting. The huge communal resistance to the police which animated the events of 20 years ago is gone.

Terrorists and their political front men are still active and drawing a measure of loyalty from ambivalent followers. But they are operating on the edge of an increasingly calm and disinterested centre ground.

This is not a centre ground of the kind found in the traditional political spectrum. Normal political labels do not help define it. In truth it may not even have added many people to its numbers recently. It may just have become a little more obvious by becoming a degree more confident in its indifference to the ritual appeals for ritual dances by political forces which flourish in more volatile circumstances.

It is not only a largely silent majority but also largely invisible. Its exact shape is hard to determine by opinion polling. It is not an apathetic tendency but more a stubborn assertion of normality. It can be sensed in the improvements in the quality of life in the cities and towns of the province.

It is no revolutionary change: old hatreds and mistrusts lie close to the surface. There has been too much killing and betrayal for any instant reconciliation to be believable.

The normalizing tendency must be consolidated. It will continue to require security forces well enough equipped and informed to prevent the IRA acquiring a momentum. It will continue to need nurture by public investment on an astonishing scale. Finally, as the rereading of the history of August 1969 makes abundantly clear, normalization requires direct rule by London as the basis of any local political arrangements.

This does not mean that political divisions are being blurred, rather that they have been channelled into local issues and away from the traditional questions of national allegiance. It is now possible that by the year 2000, one third of the province's schoolchildren could be offered education outside the currently divided religious systems.

But those children will emerge into a society which has few jobs and which has often failed to increase the supply of them as the mainland economy picks up. The benefits of normalization are mostly beyond the reach of the young Roman Catholic underclass in which the IRA finds recruits when it needs them.

A recent survey detected a high recent rate of emigration among the younger Protestant middle class. The problem of religious bias in employment is likely to remain while jobs themselves are in such short supply. This is the kind of agenda which increasingly preoccupies the majority of Northern Ireland's people: the creation of something worthwhile, to be protected against those who only destroy.

TO SAVE SOMALIA

For several years, the only argument in favour of the continuation in office of Somalia's President, the ageing Mr Siad Barre, has been that there was no obvious successor; that his departure would plunge his country into bloody anarchy. As our report yesterday made clear, this no longer obtains.

President Barre seized power 20 years ago this October committed to secular rule, social modernization and socialist economics. On all three fronts his corrupt regime, like the country, is now bankrupt.

Economic growth, averaging 0.3 per cent, has lagged well behind that of the 5.7 million population; this decade, exports have fallen 8 per cent a year. Somalia's debt, per capita, is one of the highest in Africa. Now belated economic reforms, backed by a $70 million World Bank loan, are stalled. Anarchy, against which his presence was once considered a guarantee, grips the land.

Most of Somalia has turned against President Barre's small Mareban clan. The Somali National Movement, predominantly from the rival Isaaq, has been fighting the Government since 1981. It controls most of the north, where fighting and related atrocities last year killed around 50,000, many of them civilians, and displaced nearly a million. Forces belonging to the powerful Ogadeni clan, the backbone of the Army, are now in revolt.

The President's writ extends no further than a narrow area round the capital, Mogadishu, and a few largely burnt-out towns. The only people he still trusts are the members of his family, who hold all key positions.

In Mogadishu itself last month, the Army turned its guns on would-be demonstrators emerging from the mosques; some 450 were killed, 1,000 injured and 2,000 arrested in a matter of days. Order in the capital is maintained by troops commanded by his son and by KGB-trained secret police. Hundreds of thousands of Somalis have fled to Ethiopia; more are now trekking into Kenya.

Some 140,000 Ethiopian refugees, formally under the protection of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and thus an international responsibility, risk starvation. The UNHCR's representatives have been forced to leave. Little of the food, which they continue to ship, is thought to have reached the camps.

Since foreign aid accounts for two-fifths of Somalia's GNP, Western governments ought to have considerable leverage. Decisions, first by Britain and more recently by the United States, to stop new aid were instrumental in securing Government promises earlier this year of economic reform, improvements in human rights and national reconciliation.

President Barre, who did release hundreds of political prisoners but made no serious attempt to negotiate, now blames the US and Britain for the renewed violence. He attributes it to his short-lived liberalization and continues to gamble that Somalia's strategic significance on the Horn of Africa, and its lease of Berbera as a US base, will protect him.

The utility of Berbera has declined, however. The US has indicated that renewal of the lease in 1990 is not a priority. The European Community, inexplicably reticent in its condemnations, should now tell President Barre that enough is enough.

The only remaining hope of a new dispensation capable of calming Somalia's tribal feuds and restoring some integrity to government is his departure, perhaps to retirement in Italy, once the colonial lord of the southern part of Somalia from which he hails. President Barre may not have merited such a dignified departure, but it is not certain that he can be dislodged by force. The humanitarian tragedy of Somalia demands that the end, not the means, should have absolute priority.

FRAGILE BOUNDARIES

Although relations between Christianity and Judaism have, in general, never been so good, two current issues illustrate their delicacy. The first is the controversy over the Carmelite convent in Auschwitz; the second, Pope John Paul II's retelling of salvation history in a way that some Jews have interpreted as a slight to their faith.

At first it seemed unexceptionable, indeed natural, that a group of Polish contemplative nuns should want to found a place of prayer in the vicinity of that most notorious of all Nazi concentration camps. Hundreds of thousands of Catholic Poles were murdered there. It is the Catholic way to mark such spots with shrines and sanctuaries, as an expression of grief.

But *millions* of Jews died there. The name Auschwitz has become for Jews almost a synonym for the Jewish Holocaust or *Shoah* and it is the Jewish way to leave such places desolate and unhallowed, the opposite way of marking the same deep feelings.

In the Jewish understanding of the origins and course of the *Shoah*, the Christian (and in Eastern Europe specifically the Catholic) Church bears a heavy responsibility. The presence of a visible Catholic institution in the precincts of Auschwitz has therefore caused the most profound Jewish misgivings.

These have been doubled and redoubled by the way the Church authorities locally, most of all the Cardinal Archbishop of Cracow, Cardinal Macharski, had at first prevaricated, and has now apparently withdrawn from an agreement to move the convent. It was just the opportunity some Jewish hot-heads were looking for; they have held anti-Christian demonstrations at the convent and no doubt will try to do so again, disregarding the fact that many very senior Roman Catholics outside Poland have been generous in their sympathy for Jewish feelings, and active in their support.

They are right, of course. The convent should be moved; and if necessary the Pope himself should order it to move. But whether it is moved or not the Jewish community would be making a grave and unjust mistake if it let the quarrel damage the good that has been done since the war in healing the ancient friction between Jews and Christians.

The Jewish community is said to be troubled, also, by certain remarks the Pope made recently in which he tried to explain the relationship between the original Jewish Covenant and the later Christian Covenant, a progression summed up in the traditional division of the Christian Bible into the Old and New Testaments. In essence, he was saying that God made a new deal with mankind — "forged in the blood of Christ" — because the old deal, made with ancient Israel, had not been faithfully kept.

He has now added publicly, in response to Jewish protests, that the Old Covenant is still valid. This is belated but none the less remarkable recognition by the highest authority in the Roman Catholic Church that the Jews still have the right, in Christian theology, to be called the "Chosen People".

Jews would be mistaken to treat such papal expositions as exclusively their own concern, for such issues also touch the core of Christian self-understanding. Jews have every right to demand to be treated with respect, but they must treat Christianity with respect too.

Inter-faith relations are little more than sentimentality if they are not founded on mutual acceptance, each side being allowed to determine for itself what it believes about itself. Jews are not about to concede the right to Christians to tell Jews what to believe about Judaism. They do not have the right to tell Christians what they should believe about the origins of Christianity or about God's purposes in causing or allowing it to appear.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Church debate on divorcees

From the Bishop of Southwark

Sir, In his article, "Runcie's divorce division" (August 12), Mr Field thoroughly confuses a number of separate issues about infant baptism, marriage discipline, and the establishment of the Church of England. He then demands "coherence" on all these matters before a simple request from the General Synod (not a "major Bill") is granted by Parliament.

In July, 1981, the Synod passed a resolution upholding marriage as a lifelong commitment but which "considers that there are circumstances in which a divorced person may be married in church during the lifetime of a former partner."

Parallels to the sort of case it had in mind already exist in the practice of extended nullity in the Roman Catholic Church, the concept of the death of a marriage in the Orthodox tradition, and appropriate procedures in other churches. Mr Field seems oblivious to the fact that all these churches uphold a high standard for Christian marriage, but provide remedies for certain kinds of failure.

However, the Synod failed to agree on universal procedures to give effect to their general resolution; a decision which was not the same thing as throwing out the major proposal, as Mr Field claims. This means that, in practice, decisions are taken at diocesan or parish level. It is not true that the Church of England has changed its doctrine of marriage, nor that it has abandoned all marriage discipline; but there is a lack of consistency about the latter at present while we work out the best way forward.

Meanwhile there is a separate question about the qualifications for ordination of someone when in their own or their spouse's background there has been a second marriage. It was raised in the same report but is distinct, since nobody is proposing that ordinands or clergy should have special privileges to allow them to be remarried in church more easily than others.

However Mr Field persists in arguing that the Clergy (Ordination) Measure would discriminate against the laity and, by some even stranger logic, against women who are not yet admitted to the priesthood. (In fact, a number of deaconesses and others are pressing for this Measure, so that they might be considered for ordination as deacons).

The case for the Clergy (Ordination) Measure was debated at length on a number of occasions in the General Synod, and approved by a substantial majority. There was a thorough and well-considered debate in the House of Lords, where it passed without a division. At no point in either place did I hear Mr Field's argument about "privilege" being pressed as a major objection. Nor is it some private policy of the Archbishop of Canterbury, as he seems to suggest.

Yours faithfully,
†RONALD SOUTHWARK,
Bishop's House,
38 Tooting Bec Gardens,
Streatham, SW16.
August 14.

Sutton Hoo burial

From Mr D. B. Betts

Sir, *Recent Archaeological Excavations in Britain*, published in 1956 by Routledge and Kegan Paul and edited by R. L. S. Bruce-Mitford, includes a contribution by C. W. Phillips on his excavation of the Sutton Hoo ship burial. He says (page 163):

All deck-work and seating had been stripped out before the burial, and nothing was left in it but the ribs.

Surely this is a more probable explanation for the absence of seats than Mr Usherwood's (August 14), even an obvious one.

It seems odd that Mr Bruce-Mitford answered Mr Usherwood as he did; perhaps he was in an abstracted mood at the time.

Yours faithfully,
D. B. BETTS,
29 Northcote Crescent,
West Horsley, Surrey.

At a premium

From Mr Brian Levy

Sir, The athletics promoter, Mr Andy Norman, is quoted (report, August 17) as saying about the theft of $39,000 from his hotel bedroom: "The money is insured so no one loses".

I find that to be an astonishing view from a former policeman. Perhaps the Amateur Athletic Association's insurance company will explain to Mr Norman the correlation between crime and the size of our household protection insurance premiums.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN LEVY,
21 The Grove,
Radlett, Hertfordshire.

Looking back on 20 years in Ulster

From Professor Thomas Wilson, FBA, FRSE

Sir, The deployment of the Army in Ulster has been fully justified by the prevention of civil war ("20 years in Ulster", articles, August 7-10) but its success in peace-keeping would clearly have been greater but for the border with the Republic. Although co-operation between the RUC and the Gardai has improved, border country is still bandit country.

Moreover, by acquiescing in 1969 in "no-go" areas in Ulster, the authorities gave the IRA three years to establish bases for an urban guerrilla campaign. It is now naive to suppose that the ordinary people in those areas, won over by some new British "initiative", could "repudiate" the terrorists who — sad and crest-fallen — would quietly withdraw.

To be safe, repudiation would have to be collective and would require strong leadership on the ground, perhaps from the churches. That is not immediately on the cards, but there are other possibilities.

The most important step Britain could now take would be to dispel the uncertainty about Ulster's position in the UK which perpetuates political unrest, encourages terrorism and hampers economic recovery. Britain could do so by ending the interim arrangements for government that have lasted for over 17 years and by treating Ulster in the same way as Scotland or Wales. This uncertainty is needless, under the Anglo-Irish Agreement, because with a falling birth-rate, a Catholic majority of voting age before 2020 is unlikely and may never be reached.

In any case, more than three-quarters of Catholic respondents in successive opinion polls have said they want to remain in the UK. To exchange the benefits thus obtained for membership of the economically weak Republic, with its public debt of over £20,000 per household, can scarcely be attractive. Moreover opinion polls in the South have not revealed the majority for Irish unity usually taken for granted. These facts make the continuing violence all the more tragic.

True national unity would require, not just a majority vote, but a consensus. Otherwise the problem that has disrupted Ulster politics would be transferred to the South. Constitutional Irish nationalists might now make a start by abandoning the self-defeating pretence that the deeply divided people of the island *already* constitute a nation by seeking constructive means to turn that harmful fiction into a reality.

Their task is to win over — not score over — the North, and the winning over must take time, even with both areas part of the EC. These points need to be explicitly accepted in the South, with the present legitimacy of British rule recognised and with the British Army no longer regarded as an army of occupation.

Such suggestions may seem to be absurdly unrealistic, but have merely been inferred from the repeated assertion of the constitutional nationalists themselves that their desire is for unity only by consent.

Yours faithfully,
T. WILSON,
The Lade Cottage,
Kilmahog,
Callander, Perthshire.
August 15.

From Mr G. Ewen Bayley

Sir, The number of deaths in Northern Ireland during 1979 was 113 (14 RUC, 38 Army, 10 UDR, 51 civilian), not 13 as stated by Conor Cruise O'Brien (article, August 10). This was a higher figure than the two previous years or in any subsequent year. Eighteen soldiers died in a single incident, the Warrenpoint massacre on August 27.

These figures somewhat undermine Mr O'Brien's argument for the Roy Mason approach of "simply governing the place".

Yours sincerely,
G. EWEN BAYLEY,
18 Lyndhurst Court,
Grange Road,
Sutton, Surrey.
August 11.

From Mr T. C. MacDonald Milner

Sir, It is typical that your photograph in today's edition (August 15), showing a woman screaming abuse at a British soldier in the Ballymurphy estate, Belfast, is titled "The scream of defiance after 20 years". Would not the title "still tolerant of provocation after 20 years and 400 dead" not be more appropriate?

Yours sincerely,
T. C. MacDONALD MILNER,
77 Cavendish Road, SW12.
August 15.

Disaster planning

From the Director of the Surrey Ambulance Service

Sir, The Taylor report's recommendations on ambulance provision clearly put the onus for advice to organisers licensed under the 1975 Safety at Sports Grounds Act with local chief ambulance officers. Perhaps now is the time to consider extending the debate and to encourage organisers and owners of facilities that attract large numbers of the public — theme parks, outdoor concerts, air-shows etc. — to shoulder their responsibility for public safety, particularly where the venture culminates in profit.

The first-aid training provided for the voluntary organisations, although thorough, cannot in any way be compared to that provided by the NHS Ambulance Service which also provides such paramedic skills as aggressive resuscitation, intubation, infusion and cardiac monitoring and defibrillation. If injury or sudden illness occurs at events where voluntary first aid is provided, the level of service and treatment given is not up to the standard available if such incidents occur in the home or in the street, where the statutory service would be summoned.

In the interests of public safety, I suggest that the local chief ambulance officer should be invited to advise on the type of ambulance cover required at any event that attracts large numbers. The public expect and can be provided with the care and treatment they have contributed to. It should not be left to voluntary organisations.

Yours faithfully,
MIKE FOY, Director,
Surrey Ambulance Service,
The Horseshoe,
Banstead, Surrey.
August 15.

Landfill gas

From Mr Roger Kirby

Sir, With the Government coming under increasing pressure to speed up its response to the greenhouse problem, methane, which has a greenhouse effect 27 times that of carbon dioxide continues to leak from landfill sites all over the country, killing off foliage, and causing the occasional house to explode.

There is sufficient landfill gas in these tips to run engines generating electricity feeding into the national grid, to replace 8 per cent of the CEGB's output at half the cost of installing new power stations, thus preventing the egress of methane and CFCs (chloro-fluorocarbons) which are also neutralized in the combustion process.

However the area boards are refusing to negotiate reasonable prices for the electricity with the handful of landfill gas engine operators, only offering them two thirds of what they are paying the CEGB.

Meanwhile, over in the Department of the Environment, her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution in a recent report argues that the damaging effects of landfill gas will to an extent be ameliorated by using the gas as fuel for power generation.

The Department of Energy says it wants to support non-fossil power sources such as landfill gas-powered engines, by offering them the same 20 per cent premium as nuclear sources will get; but in order to get it they must have been signed up in the non-fossil tranche by the end of this year. If they continue to get the same Catch-22 response they will have all gone out of business by then.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER KIRBY
(Managing Director),
Inenco Group,
Vulcan House, Orchard Road,
Lytham St Anne's, Lancashire.
August 14.

Earlier examinations

From Sir Bryan Askew

Sir, Mr Nigel Fanshawe (August 2) is justly proud of reducing to four years the course for GCSE examinations as early as 1970, but my Durham County pit village co-educational grammar school beat him by a quarter of a century.

In 1945, at the end of the third year our headmaster decided that the top eight in the A stream should go directly into the fifth form so that we took the school certificate examination a year early. Of the eight, six were girls, by whom my friend and I were consistently beaten. We only seemed to be able to beat each other from time to time.

The exercise was worth while, except in retrospect we all felt that we should have missed the third rather than the fourth form.

Yours faithfully,
BRYAN ASKEW,
27 Golf Links Avenue,
Tadcaster, North Yorkshire.
August 2.

Pension needs

From Mr Patrick Carroll

Sir, The letter of Hugh Faulkner (August 9) draws attention to the needs of the elderly with inadequate pensions. Recent surveys have also highlighted the tendency for occupational pensions not to be increased sufficiently to compensate for post-retirement increases in the cost of living.

Women with small occupational pensions and no additional pension provided by Serps (State earnings-related pension scheme) also predominate numerically at the more advanced ages. For the over-75s and the over-80s there is now a strong case to make available a useful increase in the basic State pension.

The present 25p increment for the over-80s is overdue for upwards revision; £2.50 would be useful as a weekly addition to the individual pension for the many elderly women who live alone and would cost around £250 million per year. Surely this can be afforded in a year when the national insurance contributions are being reduced? It would be a much better way of targeting benefits to the really needy than means-testing and the administration of discretionary benefits.

The same principle could be applied to make available the State pension to the many men who have finished their working career and are between the ages of 60 and 65 by introducing a reduced State pension for them to mitigate the cost. Those who do retire early with an occupational pension often have lump-sum benefits so are not in need of a full State pension in the years immediately after retirement. Those who are redundant at age 60 are presently denied even the status and dignity of being pensioners if they are men.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK CARROLL,
35 Canonbury Road, N1.
August 14.

Dressing-down on dressing up

From Mr Simon Berwin

Sir, H. H. Ogilvy (August 12) bemoans the passing of male elegance and the arrival of the "Age of Sartorial Vulgarity" in his letter, which spotlights the multi-coloured Bermuda shorts trend of the summer. Others would argue that he should congratulate the younger generation on the marvellous way they have adapted their dress to this, one of the hottest summers on record. After decades of drab, sombre colours men are, once again, enjoying colourful casual wear.

The same young men who are wearing Bermuda shorts for casual wear also possess more suits of a better quality than at any other time during the past 10 years. This autumn will see the continuing trend for dapper dressing, with both single and double-breasted suits, crisp cotton shirts, interesting ties and co-ordinated casual wear.

We shall also see the return, in fashion terms, of the duffle coat. I hope that Mr Ogilvy will not mind.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON BERWIN (Chairman,
Menswear Public Relations
Committee),
British Clothing Industry
Association Ltd,
British Apparel and Textiles
Centre,
7 Swallow Place, W1.
August 15.

From General Sir Harry Tuzo

Sir, Unfortunately, Mr Ogilvy is over-optimistic. While we can reasonably expect the garments he mentions to go into hibernation, we shall still be stuck with even less attractive sartorial trends.

As one horrible example, the male posterior cleavage or hiatus seems impervious to weather and is flaunted throughout the year.

The new Age of Elegance is most likely to be hastened when shirtmakers return to tails and those who make jeans put the waist round the waist. You have to start somewhere!

Yours faithfully,
HARRY TUZO,
Heath Farmhouse,
Fakenham, Norfolk.

From Mr Lester May

Sir, I do hope that Mr Ogilvy has been less stuffy in his elegant clothing this summer than his stuffy letter indicates. The old Age of Elegance was only accessible to those few with money and few pre-war pictures of non-society people strike me as particularly elegant.

The eighties, in particular, have been notable for no common style bar that of the individual and I, for one, am grateful for that. Camden Town on Sunday is, as a result, truly cosmopolitan and a kaleidoscope of fashion. I wonder what stuff Mr Ogilvy wears in Matlock on Sunday?

Yours contemporarily,
LESTER MAY,
24 Reachview Court,
Camden Town, NW1.
August 12.

Libel costs

From Mr A. P. Jenkins

Sir, The Government committee on privacy and related matters, set up to consider what measures are needed to improve recourse against the press for the individual, is at the stage of requesting the public to submit proposals.

Charles Wintour ("Must libel costs be so costly?", August 2) highlights the extent of legal costs incurred in taking libel cases to the courts and comments: "For private individuals with modest means these costs are making libel cases virtually impossible to fight".

An obvious solution to this dilemma is to provide assistance to individuals who have a case of substance. The source of financial assistance could be a levy on the price of newspapers to the public — a levy amounting to one tenth of a penny on each paper sold would provide more than £5 million each year. Individuals would apply to a press ombudsman responsible for determining the justification and the extent of assistance.

The activities of responsible journalists would not be restricted and the freedom of the press to operate in the public interest would not be curtailed.

Yours faithfully,
A. P. JENKINS,
118 Thirlestane Road,
Edinburgh 9.
August 4.

Sole occupation

From Mr T. B. Fielden

Sir, Alan Hamilton's comment (Diary, August 8) on the Chelsea rag-and-bone man terming himself "salvage consultant" reminds me of the time when I was a regular visitor to Balikpapan, an oil town on the east coast of Borneo. The airport was enlivened by a number of urchins who offered to shine one's shoes for a pittance. They did a good job, though it was advisable to put on one's shoes before paying up.

One enterprising young chap, who must have been all of 10 years old, flourished a printed name-card bearing the legend "Charlie — Footwear Hygiene Consultant".

Yours,
T. B. FIELDEN,
55 The Loont,
Winsford, Cheshire.
August 8.

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COURT CIRCULAR

CLARENCE HOUSE
August 17: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this afternoon at the celebrations in Wick to mark the Quatercentenary of the Royal Burgh.

Her Majesty subsequently opened the completed Heritage Centre.

Ruth, Lady Fermoy and Sir Martin Gilliat were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
August 17: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Birthright, opened the Harris Birthright Centre for the prevention of Cervical Cancer at the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen.

Subsequently, Her Royal Highness attended a luncheon given by the Aberdeen branch of the Charity at Ardoe House Hotel, Blairs, South Deeside Road, Kincardineshire.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Mr Philip Mackie were in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
August 17: Princess Alexandra and Sir Angus Ogilvy were present this evening at a Charity Premiere of the film *My Left Foot*, in aid of the "One Small Step" Appeal (Helping Children with Cerebral Palsy at Guy's Hospital) at the Curzon Mayfair Cinema, London, W1.

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

Mother Theresa visits Albania

Mother Theresa is paying the first known visit to Albania by a Christian dignitary since religion was banned there in 1967.

The Albanian news agency ATA said yesterday that Mother Theresa met Nehmije Hoxha, widow of the late Albanian leader Enver Hoxha, in the Albanian capital Tirana. She also held talks with Albanian Foreign Minister Reis Malile.

Mother Theresa, winner of the 1979 Nobel peace prize, is an ethnic Albanian, born in 1910 in what is today the Yugoslavian town of Skopje and was then part of the Ottoman Empire.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Antonio Salieri, composer, Legnano, Italy, 1750; Meriwether Lewis, explorer, Charlottesville, Virginia, 1744; John Russell, Earl Russell, prime minister 1846-52, 1865-66, London, 1792; Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria, King of Hungary (1867), 1848-1916, Vienna, 1830.

DEATHS: Genghis Khan, Mongol emperor 1175-1227, Mongolia, 1277; Guido Reni, painter, Bologna, 1642; James Beattie, poet, Aberdeen, 1803; André-Jacques Garnerin, aeronaut, Paris, 1823; Honoré de Balzac, Paris, 1850; Sir William Fairbairn, Bt, engineer, Moor Park, Surrey, 1874; W H Hudson, author and naturalist, London, 1922.

Birthdays today

Professor R.M. Acheson, epidemiologist, 68; Mr Brian Aldiss, science fiction writer, 64; Sir Bryan Askew, chairman, Yorkshire Regional Health Authority, 59; Dame Josephine Barnes, obstetrician and gynaecologist, 77; Dr F.R. Bettley, dermatologist, 80; Mr James Birrell, chief executive, Halifax Building Society, 56; Mr Godfrey Evans, cricketer, 69; Lord Granichester, QC, 68; Lord Kaberry of Adel, 82; Miss Moura Lympany, concert pianist, 73; Mr R.A.E. Magee, gynaecologist, 75; Sir John Mason, former director-general, Meteorological Office, 66; Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, 61; Mrs V.L. Pandit, Indian diplomat, 89. Mr H.S.K. Peppiatt, solicitor, 59; Sir David Pitblado, civil servant, 77; Mr Roman Polanski, film director, 56; Mr Justice Potts, 58; Mr Robert Redford, actor, 52; Mr Willie Rushton, author, cartoonist and broadcaster, 52; Mr Patrick Shovelton, civil aviation and shipping expert, 70; Mr Casper Weinberger, former American Secretary of Defence, 72; Professor J.S.G. Wilson, economist, 73; Miss Shelley Winters, actress, 67.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Justice Cazalet to be a Deputy Lieutenant of East Sussex.

Mr Graham Wyn Jones to be an Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police with effect from September 1.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.J. Michell and Miss A.C. Romilly
The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Cdr and Mrs Jack Michell, of London SW11, and Arabella, daughter of Mr Simon Romilly, of Ludlow, Shropshire, and The Marchioness of Ailesbury, of Remnantz, Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Captain W.M. Wood and Miss M.A. McLaughlin
The engagement is announced between Captain William Wood, 1st Battalion The Gordon Highlanders, youngest son of Mr and Mrs W.M.D. Wood, of Broughty Ferry, Dundee, and Monica, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.A. McLaughlin, of Rutherglen, Glasgow.

Mr J.M. Berliand and Miss S. Taylor
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, only son of Mr and Mrs George Berliand, of Hampstead, London, and Susan, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Taylor, of Southgate, London.

Mr R.W. Bishop and Miss I.A. Howatson
The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mr Richard and the late Mrs Judy Bishop and stepson of Mrs Patricia Bishop, of Streatley, Berkshire, and Ann, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Howatson, of Wiston, Biggar, Lanarkshire.

Mr D.R. Bleasdale and Miss R.M. Beven
The engagement is announced between David, youngest son of Mrs Beatrice Bleasdale and the late Mr A. Bleasdale, of Redhill, Surrey, and Rosemary, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Geoffrey Beven, of Esher, Surrey.

Mr R.J.C. Boulton and Miss C.J. Gisborne
The engagement is announced between Roderick James Cochrane, eldest son of Major Robert Boulton, of Reigate, and Mrs Patricia Beale, of Pimlico, and Charlotte Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Gisborne, of Cowden, Brenchley, Kent.

Dr A.J.B. Brady and Miss L.E. Cooper
The engagement is announced between Adrian, elder son of Mr and Mrs Conall Brady, of The New Town, Edinburgh, and Lucy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs David Cooper, of Harrow on the Hill, Middlesex.

Mr J.E.D. Buchanan and Miss S.Z.B. Parsons
The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs William Buchanan, of Black Ven Farm, Fletching, Sussex, and Suzy, daughter of Mr Nicholas Parsons, of Wyck Rissington, Gloucestershire, and Mrs Denise Parsons, of Longborough, Gloucestershire.

Mr D.W. Chetwode Clarke and Miss F.M. Buchanan
The engagement is announced between Dominic, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Chetwode Clarke, of Fulham, London, presently in Brazil, and Fiona, daughter of Dr and Mrs Kenneth A. Buchanan, of Stockport, Cheshire.

Mr A.A. Cook and Miss A.M. Edwards
The engagement is announced between Adrian, youngest son of the late Mr Thomas Cook and of Mrs A.M. VCook , of Acocks Green, Birmingham, and Alexandra, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Edwards, of Fleet, Hampshire.

Monsieur L. Couturier and Miss S.J. Goodman
The engagement is announced between Luc, elder son of Monsieur and Madame Claude Couturier, of Asnières, France, and Sarah Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Goodman, of Hampstead, London.

Mr A.J. Davis and Miss J.A. Wilson
The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr and Mrs R.E. Davis, Etherley, Co Durham, and Julie, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs F.T. Wilson, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham.

Mr M.J.E. Flexman and Miss C.S. Russell
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Flexman, of Llowes, Powys, and Caroline, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Michael Russell, of Wimborne, Dorset.

Mr M.J. Cox and Miss J.K. Holden
The engagement is announced between Michael John, only son of Mr and Mrs Lindsey Cox, of Mentone, Melbourne, Australia, and Jeanne Katherine, second daughter of Dr and Mrs John Holden, of Farnborough, Hampshire.

Mr M.D. Holden and Miss M.M.A.B. Cooke
The marriage between Mark Douglas, only son of Dr and Mrs John Holden, of Farnborough, Hampshire, and Michelle Mary Anne Bancroft, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Cooke, of Sunningdale, Berkshire, will take place on Saturday, August 26, at the Holy Trinity Parish Church, Sunningdale, Berkshire.

Mr A.P. Johnstone and Miss H.M. Drummond
With great pleasure the engagement is announced of Andrew, only son of the Reverend and Mrs B. Johnstone, of Clunes, N.S.W. to Helena Mhairi, youngest daughter of Captain and Mrs S.H. Drummond, of Petersfield, Hampshire.

Mr T.F.Q. Leeper and Miss J.M. Bowden
The engagement is announced between Tim, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Brian Leeper, of Hambledon, Surrey, and Jan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Allan Bowden, of Staplecross, East Sussex.

Mr M.H. Lister and Miss M.F. Scott
The engagement is announced between Michael Howard, younger son of Alan and Bobby Lister, of Hale Barnes, Cheshire, and Marcia Fiona, daughter of Sidney and Vera Scott, of Belfast.

Mr P.L. Mitchell and Miss K.A. Denness
The engagement is announced between Peter Lawrance (Mitch), son of Mr and Mrs W.P. Mitchell, of Stratford, New Zealand, and Katherine Anne (Katie), eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Denness, of Kingsclere, Hampshire.

Mr I.J. Morris and Miss J.M. Davies
The engagement is announced between Ieuan, only son of the late Mr Ieuan John Morris and of Mrs Gwladys Morris, of 'Woodstock', Graigwen, Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan, and Josephine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth J. Davies, of 'Hafod y Diail', Solva, Pembrokeshire.

Mr D.F. Sanderson and Miss F.J. Ure
The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs F.L. Sanderson, of Burwash, Sussex, and Fiona, eldest daughter of Mrs Barbara Michael, of Rolleston, Staffordshire.

Mr M.R. Sinclair and Miss J.M. Wainman
The engagement is announced between Michael Ross, younger son of Dr and Mrs Alastair Sinclair, of Messingham, South Humberside, and Julia Mary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Wainman, of Dymock, Gloucestershire.

Mr P. Welton and Ms F. Howard
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mrs Norma Welton and the late Mr Tony Welton, of Brampton, Ontario, and Francesca, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Howard, of Much Hadham, Hertfordshire.

Mr D.F.A. Willett and Miss M.F. Hurst
The engagement is announced between Daniel Frederick Ambrose, younger son of Mr and Mrs F.A. Willett, of Brabourne Lees, Kent, and Muffin, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.J. Hurst, of Crapstone House, Devon.

Marriage

Mr M.A. Collis and Miss S.G. Holden
The marriage took place on July 8, at St Peter's Parish Church, Farnborough, Hampshire, between Michael Anthony, elder son of Mr Anthony Collis and the late Mrs Sheila Collis, and Sally Gilian, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs John Holden, of Farnborough, Hampshire.

Bellamy celebrates the Nutfield newts

ALAN WELLER



Professor David Bellamy, the environmentalist, celebrating with youngsters yesterday after officially opening Marsh pond, Nutfield Marsh, near Reigate in Surrey. Local volunteers have turned an overgrown and silt-choked marsh into a haven for wildlife, where the great crested newt, an endangered species, now breeds. The restoration scheme has already won an award in the Shell Better Britain Campaign.

University news

Oxford
The Master and Fellows of University College have selected Mr J. H. Smith to be Procurator.

Glasgow
Professor Robert W. K. Odoni, who holds a personal chair in number theory at Exeter University, has been appointed to a chair in mathematics from December 1.

Wales
University of Wales College of Cardiff
Dr Ken Broadley, of the Welsh School of Pharmacy, and Dr Peter Williams, of the School of Chemistry and Applied Chemistry, have been promoted to the posts of reader of the University of Wales.

SCIENCE REPORT

Dark matter irony of Leo's mysterious hydrogen cloud

Efforts to learn the secrets of a mysterious cloud of hydrogen gas in space, described by its discoverers, Stephen E. Schneider, of the University of Massachusetts, and his colleagues as an "ado about much nothing" (Science Report, 25th March) may have, at last, produced results.

The doughnut-shaped ring of gas in the constellation Leo is as enormous as it is enigmatic. At about 650,000 light years in diameter, it is approximately 6,000 times the diameter of our own galaxy. But until recently, nobody could offer any plausible explanation for its existence.

Schneider and his colleagues mounted an intensive investigation of the cloud, and found that it was made of pure hydrogen, probably left over from the formation of the small cluster of galaxies round about; if so, then its survival intact for billions of years was remarkable.

The cloud is associated with a huddle of galaxies, the brightest being the spiral galaxy Messier 96 (or M96, for short). The constellation of Leo is particularly rich in galaxies of all shapes and sizes, but researchers disagree on the extent to which these galaxies clump together to form discrete, gravitationally-bound clusters, as opposed to forming a random spread. The roots of the argument lie in the statistics astronomers use to define clusters, tests which may not have independent corroboration from telescopic observation.

In the latest issue of the *Astrophysical Journal* (vol 343, pp 94-106), Schneider shows that the cloud, from its shape and estimated mass, can be used to "predict" the locations of the galaxies gravitationally associated with it.

The giant elliptical galaxy M105 and the spiral NGC 3384 lie the centre of the doughnut-shaped ring, just as predicted by the theory. M96 orbits round the cloud, helping to maintain the shape of the cloud. Several other galaxies can also be associted with the cloud. And because they are all in some way connected with the cloud, they must all belong in the same cluster. Other galaxies in the same area of the sky, once thought to be part of the M96 cluster, are actually much further away and are not dynamically associated with it.

Part of the interest in the investigation lay in the search for "dark matter", a hypothetical form of matter which is totally undetectable but for its gravitational effects. Many researchers agree that the universe was once compressed into an infinitely hot, point-sized space, which then exploded as the Big Bang and has been expanding outwards ever since.

But the end of the universe is more difficult to imagine: cosmologists cannot decide whether it will just go on expanding, or eventually grind to a halt and begin to contract, ending up as a Big Crunch. The second option requires that the universe contains more than a certain amount of mass, but the amount of mass we see as galaxies may not be enough. So the theorists who favour the Big Crunch idea suggest that the missing mass is made of invisible dark matter.

Schneider first thought that the Leo hydrogen cloud might contain some of this dark matter, but the results of his analyses of the motion of the galaxies around it indicate that the cloud, although very big, contributes no more to the dynamics of the cluster than one would expect from a cloud made of hydrogen.

This seems to rule out the possibility that dark matter forms a significant part of the cloud's mass. That the cloud itself is just about the darkest matter imaginable (without actually being invisible) is ironic.

Henry Gee

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National day of protest over funding of the arts

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

The National Campaign for the Arts is planning a National Arts Advocacy Day for October 25 to lobby Parliament over the effect of inflation on arts funding.

The director general of the Arts Council has already said that inflation "is close to making a nonsense of three-year funding", under which arts spending, pegged at 2 per cent a year for three years, has been overtaken by inflation, now running at more than 8 per cent.

"There are other important matters we shall be highlighting, such as freedom of expression in the wake of the Rushdie affair, the future of the arts in the Education Reform Act and plans for the deregulation of broadcasting", said Mr Graham Hitchen, of National Campaign for the Arts. "We hope it will become an oportunity for arts celebration by groups around the country as well as in London".

A rally on the South Bank is planned and among the speakers invited are the Minister for the Arts, Mr Richard Luce, the Opposition spokesman, Mr Mark Fisher, Mr Robert Maclennan for the SLD, the director general of the Royal Opera House, Mr Jeremy Isaacs, and National Theatre director Mr Richard Eyre.

"We hope the Arts Minister will see it as an opportunity to make a major speech on arts finding", said Mr Hitchen.

OBITUARIES

GEORGE IGNATIEFF

From Russian emigré to Canadian diplomat

George Ignatieff, a member of a Russian Noble Family who became one of Canada's most eminent diplomats, died in Sherbrooke on August 10th following a heart attack. He was 75.

Tall and distinguished looking, Ignatieff served under six Canadian Prime Ministers in posts as varied as the United Nations, NATO and the Canadian High Commission in London.

He was born in St Petersburg, now Leningrad, on December 16th, 1913, the son of Count Paul and Princess Natalie Ignatieff. His father, education minister under Tsar Nicholas II, was jailed by the Bolsheviks in 1918 but was released on the intervention of former students who pronounced him enlightened and progressive.

The family, with five sons including George, fled Russia shortly afterwards and made their way to England. In 1928 they moved on to Canada, where George attended Lower Canada College in Montreal and, later, Jarvis Collegiate Institute in Toronto. After taking a BA degree at the University of Toronto, he went to Oxford on a Rhodes scholarship, graduating in 1938 with an MA.

He worked for a time with British Army intelligence after World War II broke out, then joined Canada's external affairs department and went to work as third secretary at the High Commission in London.

After the war he was named diplomatic advisor to the Canadian delegation to the UN Atomic Energy Commission. Other appointments abroad included Ambassador to Yugoslavia and Canadian representative on the Geneva-based, multi-nation disarmament committee. He also served as Canadian Ambassador to NATO and as permanent Canadian representative at UN headquarters in New York.

In 1955, when Ignatieff was the External Affairs Department's chief of defence liaison at Ottawa, he accompanied Lester Pearson, then External Affairs minister, on a trip to the Soviet Union. There he was introduced to Nikita Khrushchev, who mischievously but mistakenly remarked that he knew all about the Ignatieff family.—George's father had served under Alexander Kerensky in the provisional government at St Petersburg. "I told him he was mistaken," Ignatieff recounted in later years, "that my father had never served anyone other than the Tsar."

He left the diplomatic service in 1972 to become provost of Trinity College in the University of Toronto, where he remained for eight years. Later, from 1980 to 1986, he was chancellor of the University.

He is survived by his brother, his wife Alison and two sons: Michael, author and BBC TV broadcaster, and Andrew, of Toronto.

AMANDA BLAKE

"Miss Kitty" of *Gunsmoke* television series

Amanda Blake, the American redhead best known for her portrayal of Kitty Russell, the kind-hearted saloon owner in the long-running television series *Gunsmoke*, died in Sacramento of cancer on August 16 at the age of 60.

The series, set in Dodge City, Kansas, at the end of the last century, was one of the most popular of all television serials. It enjoyed one of the longest runs - 20 years - and was high in the British television popularity charts during the late 1950s and 1960s.

Born Beverly Louise Neill, in Buffalo, New York, on February 20, 1929, Amanda Blake determined to be an actress at the age of six, and while still a schoolgirl participated in all the dramatic and speech clubs she could. She made her debut in a school pageant at the age of ten and later studied acting at Buffalo's Studio Club.



While still in her teens she moved to Hollywood and signed a contract with MGM. Her first film role was in *Stars in My Crown* in 1950. She alternated her screen work with supporting roles in several plays. She later had a leading part in the Columbia Pictures film *Counterspy Meets Scotland Yard*.

Her other films included *High Society* and *A Star is Born*. But it was her role as "Miss Kitty" in *Gunsmoke* that made her name, starring alongside James Arness as Marshal Matt Dillon and Milburn Stone as "Doc" Adams. She played the part for almost 20 years, until 1975.

For many years she was a two-packs-a-day cigarette smoker and in 1977, when she had surgery for cancer of the mouth, was warned that her health was in serious danger because of her habit, but she only partly relented.

She campaigned on behalf of the American Cancer Society and, in 1984, received its courage award, which was presented to her by President Reagan.

Blake was married five times. Her last marriage in 1984 to Mark Spaeth, a Texan developer, ended in divorce.

LT–GEN THRASYVOULOS TSAKALOTOS

Wartime Greek hero of Italian campaign

Lieutentant - General Thrasyvoulos Tsakalotos, DSO, OBE (Hon), former Chief of the Greek Army General Staff, who fought with the British Eighth Army in Italy during the Second World War, died in Athens on August 15. He was 92.

He played a key role in the defeat of the Greek communist insurgents during the 1944-49 Civil War, but three years ago he pioneered a national reconciliation campaign. It culminated in an emotional get-together with 'General' Markos Vafiadis, veteran commander of the communist forces who had just been repatriated after nearly 40 years of exile in the Soviet Union.

Born in Preveza, western Greece, on April 2, 1897, he graduated from the Army Officer Cadet School in 1916. He first saw action during the First World War and the abortive Greek thrust into Asia Minor in the early 1920s.

He was a colonel in command of the 40th Evzone Regiment when Italy attacked Greece from Albania in 1940. When the country was overrun by the Axis forces, he first joined the resistance, then in 1943 he fled to the Middle East.

A few months later, in April 1944, he was put in charge of the Third Mountain Brigade, which became known as the Rimini Brigade for its part in the capture of that Italian town. It won him his DSO from the British.

After the liberation of Greece in 1944, the then Prime Minister, George Papandreou, father of the present Socialist leader, ordered him to repatriate the Rimini Brigade to support the British in quelling the communist uprising of December 1944.

He took an active part in the Greek Army's campaign against the communist insurgents of the so-called Democratic Army, in the late 1940s, first as division commander, then as commanding officer simultaneously of the First and Second Army Corps. The troops under his command were deployed in north-western Greece where the bulk of the communist forces operated until they were defeated in 1949 and fled across the northern frontiers.

He became Chief of the Greek General Staff in 1951, but retired one year later at his own request, although he remained active in public life. He served as Greek Ambassador in Belgrade between 1957 and 1960.

In 1961, King Paul had decided to appoint him Prime Minister of a caretaker cabinet that was to conduct the general elections. The offer was withdrawn after it was found that the General had prepared his own list of ministers rather than wait for the King's instructions.

His reunion with 'General' Markos, his adversary in the field, in 1986 drew sharp criticism from his fellow-combatants, but seemed to be vindicated by subsequent political developments in Greece which, at the time of his death, had a coalition government jointly supported by the conservatives and the communists.

FRANK SPRAGG

Vintage years for Oundle rugby

Frank Spragg, who will be remembered for his services to Oundle School where he was on the teaching staff from 1927 to 1965, died on August 3, aged 84.

His skill as a rugby coach was based on close study of detail and up-to-date knowledge. Full-back for Oxford University in 1926, he continued to play for a while after going to Oundle and captained a distinguished OMT side who, in those days, played many of the leading clubs. He also represented East Midlands.

Most important was the warmth, humour and love of the game itself with which he enriched the rugby football of Oundelians. As his reputation spread, he was in demand to lecture on rugby courses and he played a large part in the production of the *Rugby Union Coaching Manual* in 1952.

Spragg also played cricket for the Oxford University Authentics and fives for the university and coached boths sports at the school, together with rugby, for many years. During his period Oundle won the Public Schools' doubles championship in every year between 1935 -1949.

His contribution to Oundle School was by no means confined to sports. Many Oundelians have cause to be grateful to him for their success in Latin which was a compulsory subject then for entry into Oxford and Cambridge.

Spragg was not ready for compulsory retirement from Oundle in 1965 and went back to his old school, Merchant Taylors, and ran the rugby for two seasons before devoting more time tohis newspaper reporting. His wife Esme died in 1981.

An elementary case of pollution for Sherlock

By David Rowan

When a farmer in the Bristol area was suspected of leaking a home-made fertiliser into the Avon, the local river authority sent its ingenious pollution detecter, nicknamed "Sherlock", to investigate.

Placed inconspicuously along the river bank, Sherlock patiently recorded data on a computer, awaiting a sudden rise in ammonia levels. When a rain-storm caused fertiliser to spill into the water, Sherlock diligently collected samples, recorded the changes, and used a built-in Cellnet cordless telephone to call a water pollution officer to the scene.

Faced with computer-generated graphs and charts implicating his property as the source, the farmer sheepishly accepted responsibility for the pollution.

"He had to admit that it was a fair cop," Mr David Palmer, catchment control manager at Wessex Rivers, said with the pride of an international crime-buster. "We had no more trouble with him and did not need to bring a prosecution."

Mr Palmer designed Sherlock after realizing that "most water authorities respond to the effects of pollution — but we wanted to get there while it was happening". Seven of the £10,000 battery-operated systems are being used in Somerset and Avon by Wessex Rivers, part of Wessex Water, and some 40 incidents of pollution have successfully been traced and dealt with in 18 months.

The idea behind Sherlock is elementary: placed on a river-bank opposite any suspicious discharge pipe, its probes take constant readings so that evidence is at hand immediately pollution occurs. Once excessive ammonia, oxygen or nitrates are detected it sets off other sampling machines up and down stream to measure where the level is strongest and hence identify the source.

An inspector is automatically alerted, and with a laptop computer can examine data over the telephone before arriving at the site.

Developed over two years, the sampling machinery was the most expensive part, at £2,500, and the portable telephone costs about £1,500. All the components are available commercially, but Wessex Rivers is considering patenting the complete unit, contained in a three-foot box, which was first used in the autumn. Vandalism has proved only a minor problem.

The original Sherlock would undoubtedly light his pipe in approval. "You know my methods, Watson," he warned in *The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes*. "It is a capital mistake to theorize before one has data."

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed.
St Mark 1:35

BIRTHS

BREESE - On 9th August, to Charles and Rebecca (née Platts Mills) a son, Marcus John Fortescue.

COLEY-ROGERS - On 18th August, to Fran and Colin, a daughter, Katherine Grace.

CUNNINGHAM - On 16th August, in New York, to Florence and George, a precious daughter, Constance Irene.

CURCHOD - On Aug 10th, to Rowena (née Deacon) and John, a son, Nicholas, a brother for James and Louise.

DELAHUNTY - On 22nd July 1989, to Michael and Shamin, a daughter, Sarah Shireen.

FULTON - on 13th August, to Celia (neé Thompson) and Hamish a son Angus.

GERARD-PEARSE - On August 16th 1989, at Pembury Hospital, to Jane (née Kemp) and Nicholas, a daughter, Jennifer Sally.

INGALL - Michael and Victoria (née Jones) are happy to announce the arrival of Charles Oliver Liam, on 19th July '89.

MUIR - On 13th of August 1989, to Doon (née Hogan) and Andrew, a son, Christopher (Kit) Charles, a brother for Mara.

PARTRIDGE-HICKS - On August 13th, to Lucinda and Stephen, a daughter, Lucasta Samantha, a sister for Richard Edward.

PULLINGER - On 17th August, to Keith and Kathryn, a son, Benjamin James, an accomplice for Sam.

SHARP - On 16th August 1989, to Diane and Scott, a Daughter, Emily Kate. Mother and baby well - father in shock.

SNOWDEN - On 13th August 1989, to Peggy (née Collins) and John, a daughter, Lucy Elizabeth Mary.

WATSON - On August 15th, at Watford General Hospital, to Mani (née Gujral) and Mel, a son, Niall Richard Thomas, a brother for Natasha.

WHITE - On 17th August 1989, to Caroline and Luke, a daughter

WILSON - On August 15th, to Susie (née McGougan) and Andrew, of Onga Onga RD1, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand, a daughter, a sister for Zoe.

WOOD - On Wednesday 9th August, to Stephen and Elaine, a much loved son, Jaques.

MARRIAGES

DUESBURY:LACY - The marriage took place on Saturday 5th August 1989, at 4. pm in St. Mary's Church, Hardwick, nr Cambridge, between Mr Paul Duesbury, son of the late Mr Rowland Vincent Duesbury and Mrs E.J Duesbury of Richmond N. Yorkshire, and Margaret Jane Lacy, daughter of the late Major D.G Lacy M.B.E and Mrs Zona J. Lacy of Cambridge.

MacLEAN-CROSTHWAITE - On August 12th 1989, at Christ Church, Great Ayton, N. Yorks. Dr. Allan Hunter MacLean, younger son of Dr. & Mrs Allan MacLean of Lower Largo Fife, to Philippa Jill Crosthwaite, elder daughter of Mrs Judy Kerr of Great Ayton, N.Yorks and of the late Mr. Richard Crosthwaite.

DEATHS

ARBUTHNOTT - The funeral took place on 12th August of Justin, much loved son of Hugh and Vanessa and brother of Dominic and Giles. Memorial service 2nd October, details to be announced.

COURAGE - On August 17th. Peacefully in Charminster, Dorchester, Dorset, Katherine Millicent (Kitty) aged 84, dear Aunt of Susan and Jane, and Great Aunt of Anna, Guy and Amy and Hugh, James and Cara. Private cremation. Donations if desired to Injured Jockey's Fund, Welwyn, Herts AL6.

CROSBY - Matthew, son of Anne and Theo, died at Hammersmith Hospital, Friday 11th August. Mortlake Crematorium, Friday 25th August at 12.00 noon. No flowers please, but contributions to Mackintyre Schools, 54 Haddon, Great Holm, Milton Keynes.

EDWARDS - H.N. (Tony), quietly, on August 17th 1989, aged 84. Much loved and appreciated by his wife Bridget, daughter Janet, son Mark and Roland, Gerald, Sandra and his 6 grandchildren. Funeral at St Andrews Church, Sherbourne St John, near Basingstoke on Thursday August 24th at 2 pm.

FREUD - On 17th August, peacefully, after a short illness at St. John and Elizabeth Hospital in London, Lucie, widow of Ernst L. Freud and dearly beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, aged 93.

FREWING - Joseph John MA BSc, FRIC, on August 14th suddenly at his home in Cookham Dean, Berkshire, aged 77 years. Beloved husband of Valerie, father of Diana and Heather, and grandfather of Hazel. Cremation at Amersham, Bucks. 2.30 pm August 28th. Family flowers only.

GIBSON - On August 15th in Worthing Hospital, Mary Childerley aged 93 years. Funeral service at 3pm on Tuesday 22nd August at Henfield Parish Church. No flowers by request, but if desired, donations to NSPCC.

GOULD - On August 15th 1989, in her 90th year, peacefully at Brockenhurst, Barbara Harriet, wife of the late G/Capt. L.T.N. Gould. Funeral at Bournemouth Crematorium, on August 22nd at 2.30 pm. Flowers or donations for Arthritis and Rheumatism Council to Messrs Diamond, Lower Buckland Lane, Lymington.

GRAHAM - On Thursday August 17th 1989, Dr. John Graham of Seaford, beloved husband of Yvonne, much loved Father and Grandfather. Thanksgiving Service at St. Leonard's Parish Church, Seaford on Wednesday August 23rd at 2 pm, followed by cremation at Eastbourne at 3 pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to the National Trust. Donations and enquiries c/o Seaford & Newhaven Funeral Services. Tel: Seaford (0323) 893889.

GUNYON - On August 16th, Michael, beloved husband of Connie and father of Tim at Kent and Canterbury Hospital. No flowers but donations if desired to Friends of Kent and Canterbury Hospital.

HARRISON - On 14th August 1989, in the City Hospital, Chester, Harry St. John, F.R.I.B.A., aged 95. Much loved father of Dick and grandfather of Katrina and Mark. Donations to 'Help the Aged', Greysfield, Great Barrow, Chester, CH3 7HU.

HOLCOM - On July 30th Brian Michael John, suddenly in Cape Town. Beloved husband of Ellme and dearly loved father of Cathy and Chris, of 41 Poplar Ave, Thornton, Cape Province 7460, South Africa.

JONES - Joan (née McCallum) on August 17th at home after a long illness. Beloved mother of Zandra and Neil. Sadly missed by Rodney and all her family and friends. Service at 1.30 pm on Tuesday 22nd August at New Southgate Crematorium, New Southgate, London, N11. Flowers to J Blackwell and Sons, High Street, Barnet, Herts. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

KAVANAGH - (née Moloney) (Rathgar, Dublin and late of London), 16th August 1989, at Highfield Hospital, Dublin. Katherine B. Wife of the late Patrick and daughter of the late James and Kitty Moloney. Deeply regretted by her loving sisters Mary O'Halpin and Helen Moloney, nieces, nephews and many friends. Rest in Peace. Funeral, tomorrow, Saturday. Enquiries to Fanagans Funeral Directors, Dublin. Tel: (01) 754101.

KYLE SMITH - On August 13th 1989, in St. Barnabas Hospice, Nancy Wardman, of Steyning, Sussex, wife of the late Frank C. Smith, formerly of La Mina, Rancagua, Chile. Mother of Jacqueline and Joan and Grandmother of Anna-Christina. Daughter of the late Dr. J.M. Kyle of Conchillas, Uruguay. Funeral at St Botolphs, Bramber, Sussex, on Friday 18th August at 2.15 pm. Donations if desired to St. Barnabas Hospice, Columbia Drive, Worthing and flowers to Chalcraft F/D Limited, Steyning.

MEYER - Woitek, Architect. On 15th August, at home, after a long illness. Survived by his wife, Stephanie. Requiem Mass, Tuesday, 22nd August, 2.00 pm, at the Polish Church, 2 Windsor Rd, Ealing W5. All friends welcome.

MITCHELL - (née Hopwood), at home peacefully after a long illness, bravely borne the beloved wife of Alan and very dear sister, to Teddie and Joyce. Funeral private.

OAKLEY - On Sunday 13th August, at Long Crendon, Minnie Isabel Oakley aged 90 years, widow of Arthur Howard Oakley. Funeral at St. Mary's Church, Long Crendon. 3.00pm Thursday 24th August.

PATTISON - On 15th August 1989, peacefully in Bournemouth, Mildred, aged 91 yrs. She will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

PERCY - At Sherwood, Nottingham, on 13th August 1989, Frieda Marjorie B.A., former teacher at the Manning School Nottingham. Keith's favourite aunt. Service and cremation at Bramcote on Thursday 24th August at 3.00pm. No flowers please but donations for The Portland Training College may be sent to: A W Lymn, Robin Hood House, Robin Hood Street, Nottingham.

PERRY - On August 16th, peacefully in hospital, Doreen; beloved wife of John, Mother of Sara, Kathryn and Tim, Grandmother of Benjamin and Joseph. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium, 1.15pm, Monday 21st. Family flowers only.

PLATT - On 15th August 1989 at St Luke's Oxford, Desmond Christopher St Martin. Funeral 12 noon on Wednesday 23rd August at St Giles Parish Church, Oxford. No flowers please, but donations if desired for the Sherrington Ward, Radcliffe Infirmary may be sent to Edward Carter, 2 Herons Walk, Abingdon, OX14 1NY.

REED - On 17th August 1989, Cyllene Mary Peel of Exford, Somerset. Formerly of Handcross, Surrey. Aged 90. At her request cremation strictly private. No letters please and no memorial service.

ROMER - On 16th August, 1989, very peacefully at Littlestone, The Hon. Lady Frances Evelyn Lebeau Romer, widow of Charles Romer and dearly loved Mother and Grandmother.

ROUSE - On August 13th, very suddenly at home, Andrew, aged 18, eldest son of Philip and Jan and brother of Jamie and David.

SPROT - On July 29th, 'Jock', in Kloof, South Africa, aged 78. He will be sadly missed by all his family and many friends.

TREMELLEN - On August 13th, peacefully in Carmarthen. Phyllis May (née Reed), formerly of Gerrards Cross. Beloved Mother of Patricia and Tony. Private cremation in Wales. Service at St. Giles Church, Stoke Poges at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 23rd August, followed by interment in the Stoke Poges Memorial Gardens.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

AUDRAIN - Graeme. Suddenly on 1st July, in America. A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday 24th August, at 11.30 am, at St. Brelades Parish Church, Jersey, C.I.

COLLINS - A memorial service for Bernard Collins, CBE, will be held at St Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, London SW3, on Friday September 15th at 12 midday.

INGLEWOOD - A memorial service, for William Morgan Fletcher-Vane, 1st Lord Inglewood, will be held at St. Andrew's Church, Penrith, Cumbria, on Monday 25th September 1989, at 2.30 pm.

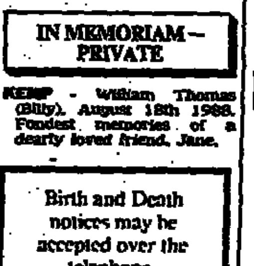
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CENTRAL ELECTRICITY GENERATING BOARD
NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GENERATING STATION TO BE KNOWN AS CAPEL CYNON WIND PARK AT CAPEL CYNON, DYFED, WEST WALES.
Notice is hereby given that the Central Electricity Generating Board has applied to the Secretary of State for Energy for his consent to construct a wind park at Capel Cynon, Dyfed, comprising of 25 wind turbines each with a generating capacity of up to 360KW.
The application has been made under Section 2 of the Electric Lighting Act 1909, as amended by the Electricity Acts 1947 and 1957
A copy of the application and a map showing the land to which it relates, together with an Environmental Statement discussing the Board's proposals in more detail and presenting an anlysis of the environmental implications, are available for inspection during normal office hours at the following addresses:
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Any person wishing to object to the application should send particulars of such objection to the Secretary, Department of Energy, Electricity Division, Thames House South, Millbank, London SW1P 4QJ, so as to reach him by 29 September 1989 and is asked to send a copy of the objection to me:
I E Heather
Deputy Head of Property
Central Electricity Generating Board
Room 12.6
Sudbury House
15 Newgate Street
London EC1A 7AU
11 August 1989
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ADVERTISEMENT OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
GOGORIM LIMITED
TRADING AS THE SANDWICH BOX COMPANY
(Registered Number 2272667)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 14 August 1989, Bank of Scotland appointed Dipankar Mohan Ghosh and Alan Rae Dalziel Jameson of Price Waterhouse, 10 Bricket Road, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 3JX, joint receivers and managers
Dated 15 day of August 1989
D M GHOSH
Joint Receiver and Manager

LEGAL NOTICES

RE: FLIPGATE LIMITED
BY ORDER OF THE HIGH COURT
DATED 5TH SEPTEMBER 1985
Neville Eckley F.C.A. of Midland Bank Chambers, 62 High Street, March, Cambs, PE15 9LF has been appointed Liquidator of the above-named company without a committee of inspection.
Dated 9th August 1989
Neville Eckley
Liquidator of Flipgate Limited

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
and
IN THE MATTER OF FURNITEX DE MILANO LIMITED
Registered Office: c/o Geoffrey Martin & Co. St James's House, 28 Park Place, Leeds, LS1 2SP
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING OF CREDITORS of the above-named company will be held at The Hotel Metropole, King Street, Leeds 1 on Friday 1 September 1989 at 11.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A LIST of names and addresses of the COMPANY'S CREDITORS will be available for inspection at the offices of Geoffrey Martin & Co. St James's House, 28 Park Place, Leeds LS1 2SP on the two business days falling next before the day of the meeting.
DATED 7 day of August 1989
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Arshed A Fahmi
DIRECTOR

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
No 3083 of 1989
Mr Justice Hoffman
IN THE MATTER OF SHERWOOD COMPUTER SERVICES PLC
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 31st July 1989 confirming the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named company by £1,636,000 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 3rd August 1989
Dated 15th day of August 1989
NORTON ROSE
Kempson House
P.O. Box 570
Camomile Street
London EC3A 7AN
Solicitors for the above-named Company
Ref.JEXM/63/P102600

LEGAL NOTICES

BIASOUND LIMITED Registered number: 1471576. Trading name: KETTERING TOWN SQUASH & SNOOKER CLUB. Nature of business: SQUASH CLUB Trade classification: 39. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 7 August 1989. Name of person appointing administrative receivers: PERSTORP WARERITE LIMITED.
J J SHAPIRA & S J BAIRD
Joint Administrative Receivers (Office holder nos) 5784 and 1074
Both of: Pannell Kerr Forster & Partners
78 Hatton Garden
London EC1N 8JA

PATRICK H.L. ALLINGHAM DECEASED
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 27 of the Trustee Act 1925 that any person having any claim against or interest in the estate of Patrick Henry Lomax Allingham, late of 66, Campden Hill Court, Campden Hill Road, London W8, who died on the 7th day of February 1989 are requested to send particulars in writing of their claim or interest to the undersigned by 20th November 1989 after which date the Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to valid claims and interests of which they have then had notice.
Dated 16th day of August 1989
Talbot Creggy & Co
38, Queen Anne Street
London, W1M 9LB
Solicitors to the Executors

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR
The Insolvency Rules 1986
Rule 4.106(1)
In the Matter of JUSTIN OWEN PRODUCTIONS Limited. High Court No. 003338 of 1989
Notice is hereby given that L Melvyn Laurence Rose of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Chartered Accountants, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company on 5 July 1989
Melvyn L.Rose F C.A., F.C.C.A.
LIQUIDATOR

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
Adray Construction Limited
(In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)
Notice is hereby given that I, Melvyn Laurence Rose, of Messrs. Elliot Woolfe & Rose, Chartered Accountants, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS was appointed Liquidator of the above Company on 10th August 1989.
Melvyn L. Rose F.C.A., F.C.C.A.
LIQUIDATOR

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
NO 2076 of 1989
INDRA (LONDON) LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I Raymond Hocking, Certified Accountant of Messrs Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company on 5 July 1989. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts, writing to me for a claim form. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated 14th day of August 1989
R HOCKING - LIQUIDATOR

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN THE BRIGHTON COUNTY COURT
NO 59 of 1988
IN BANKRUPTCY
MR B F CHEVEROST of Hillcary, New Hall Lane, Small Dole, Henfield, Sussex. occupation unknown.
I, Raymond Hocking, Certified Accountant of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA give notice that I was appointed trustee in bankruptcy of the above-named on 19 June 1989. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts, writing to me for a claim form. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated 14th day of August 1989
R HOCKING
Trustee

IN THE MATTER OF MUSICAL NEW SERVICES LIMITED
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Moore Stephens, 15 South Street, Yeovil, BA20 1QG on Monday the 4th day of September 1989 at 11.00 am for the purposes provided in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the Act.
Creditors are notified that Mr. D. A. Robin of Moore Stephens, St. Paul's House, Warwick Lane, London EC4P 4BN, is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the company and will provide, free of charge, such information concerning the company's affairs as the Creditors may reasonably require up to and including 1st September 1989.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge their proxies at St. Paul's House, Warwick Lane, London EC4P 4BN, no later than 12 noon on Friday, 1st September 1989
Dated 14th day of August 1989
By Order of the Board
G.C.W. Clinton
Director

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
and
IN THE MATTER OF BROOKFALL LIMITED
Registered Office: c/o Geoffrey Martin & Co. St James's House, 28 Park Place, Leeds, LS1 2SP
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING OF CREDITORS of the above-named company will be held at The Hotel Metropole, King Street, Leeds 1 on Friday 1 September 1989 at 12.00 for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A LIST of names and addresses of the COMPANY'S CREDITORS will be available for inspection at the offices of Geoffrey Martin & Co., St James's House, 28 Park Place, Leeds LS1 2SP on the two business days falling next before the day of the meeting.
DATED 7th day of August 1989
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
A A Fahmi
DIRECTOR

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified: after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

BRITTON nee CASHIN, HILDA MARY BRITTON nee CASHIN, WIDOW, late of Sunhill Court, Mill Lane, High Salvington, Worthing, West Sussex, died there on 11th April 1988 (Estate about £110,000)

COURCEY otherwise COUGHLAN, MARTIN THOMAS COURCEY otherwise MARTIN THOMAS COUGHLAN late of 118 Chace Guildhouse, Chace Avenue, Coventry, died at Coventry on 12th June 1987 (Estate about £12,200)

CROFTS nee ROSSER, VIOLET FLORENCE CROFTS nee ROSSER, WIDOW late of 21 Shacklewell Row, Hackney, London E8, died there on 18th January 1988 (Estate about £20,700)

MARSH, JOSEPH HERBERT MARSH late of Narilla, Station Road, Edenbridge, Kent, died at Edenbridge on 19th May 1989 (Estate about £140,000)

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WIDE SCOPE IN WAR AND PEACE

If not in every part of the country, at least for a hundred square miles round London, the writing of advertisements in the sky by aircraft has been seen by millions of people. The formation of the letters in smoke, sometimes at so great a height that the aeroplace shaping the aerial inscription cannot be seen, is a spectacle that obviously thrills and fascinates everybody who sees it.

Up to the present, sky writing has been used almost wholly for advertising purposes, and those who recently in the columns of *The Times* denounced publicity and the hoardings may have found some comfort in reflecting that aerial advertisements cannot be written in indelible smoke.

Vast as the possibilities of advertising by sky writing are, that is only one of the many purposes to which it may be put, and there can be no doubt that, in the near future, generously developed, it might easily rival the tape-machine and wireless telegraphy for the dissemination of news. If one machine can write one or two words at an altitude of ten thousand feet, to be read by millions of people simultaneously, there is no reason why sentences should not be produced rapidly by a fleet of machines.

For many years coloured rockets have been used to announce such tidings as the result of an international race abroad, or a big prize fight at home. A fleet of aircraft equipped for smoke writing, and connected by wireless with a ground station, might well be employed to trace important news in the sky for millions on the ground to read.

The simplest message of the sort that occurs to the mind is the results of the Derby. The aeroplanes would take off before the race started and would have climbed well aloft by the time it was over. By wireless they would receive the result practically as soon as it was declated, and so, with a sufficient number of aircraft, the entire country could be told the result of the race very soon after it was won. A simpler means of broadcasting news it is difficult to imagine. No listening-in sets, nor, indeed, any sort of equipment would be required.

Obviously the uses of highly developed sky writing in peace and war are manifold. From the spelling out of a single word, or a single sentence, it is easy to foresee the stage when long messages will be written by co-operating machines. Already several experiments have been made with the Morse code, and the purposes to which, over sea or land in wartime, such a system of communication might be put are clearly apparent.

One can imagine, too, the new sort of aerial conflict that would arise when, if the operating machines were not successfully attacked, efforts would be made to blot out their messages with heavy smoke clouds. The writing of misleading orders would offer a fascinating occupation to the imaginative, and the possibilities of the use of smoke writing for propaganda purposes over the enemy's lines would be considerable.

Cable car scheme upsets pilgrims

By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent

On the west coast of Ireland about 100,000 Roman Catholic pilgrims seek divine repentance every year by climbing Croagh Patrick mountain, atoning for their sins through the physical effort of the 2,300 foot climb.

Many of them do it barefoot in tribute to St Patrick who reputedly spent 40 days and 40 nights fasting on the mountain in AD 441, sparking a centuries-old tradition of imitators who plod up to the tiny summit chapel to whisper their prayers to the four winds.

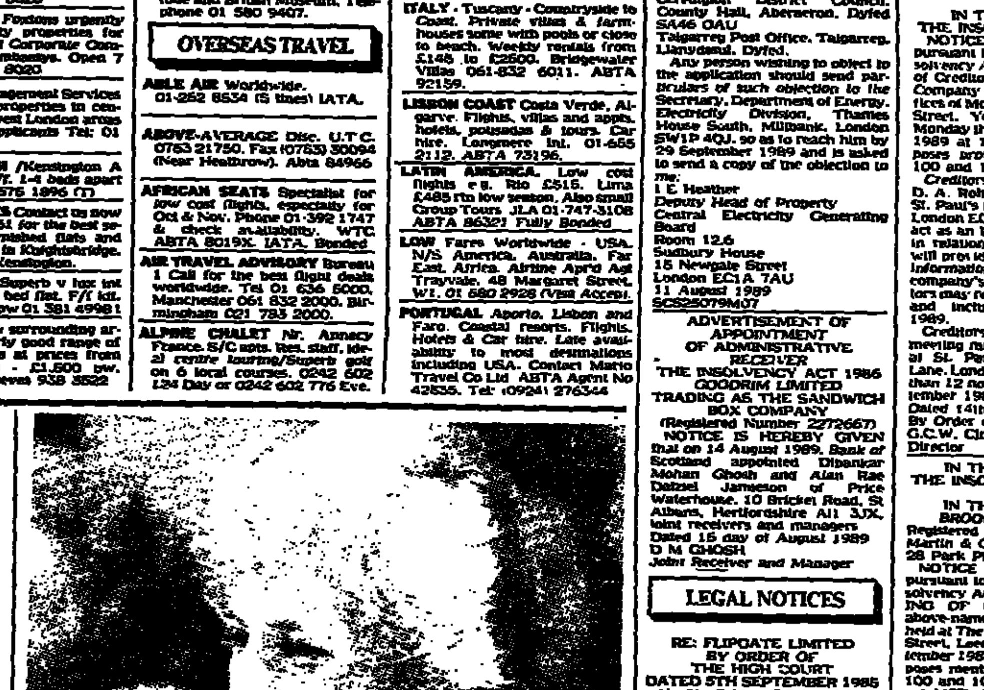
The mountain, in County Mayo overlooking hundreds of islands in Clew Bay, is set in the heart of some of the Republic's most beautiful scenery and has long been a battleground between conservationists and the faithful on one side, and those attempting to make money out of it on the other.

It is currently the subject of a long running dispute with an Irish mining company with plans to dig for gold in the holy mountain which it believes could yield more than £100 million worth of the metal from up to 13 bands of gold bearing rock.

Now the act of climbing for penance itself is under threat with the disclosure this week that an Irish-Swiss cable car company is to apply to Mayo County Council to build a luxury lift service to the summit.

The environmentalists have attacked the proposals because they believe unsightly pylons will spoil the landscape. The church has other concerns; most notably that pilgrims will no longer enjoy the sense of absolution if they forego the climb for the comfort of a cable car.

A spokesman for the Roman Catholic Information Service said: If this cable car plan goes ahead, it will remove the pilgrim aspect of the ascent."



The Princess of Wales, who is on holiday at Balmoral, opening the Harris Birthright Centre for the prevention of cervical cancer at the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, yesterday.

Homes had to make way for a tomb

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

Excavations at one of Ireland's most famous monuments have revealed the dwellings of the people who built it. Round houses and domestic rubbish, including characteristic pottery, are revealing something of the daily life of the megalith builders of nearly 5,000 years ago.

Knowth is one of three great prehistoric mounds dominating the valley of the Boyne, 30 miles north of Dublin. One of the others, Newgrange, is Ireland's most visited ancient monument: it was recently shown that the sun's rays shone directly into the interior on the winter solstice, through a carefully-constructed stone box in the roof of the entrance passage.

Like Newgrange, the great mound at Knowth is bordered by numerous carved stones, with patterns of circles and spirals that form one of the major corpora of European megalithic art. There have been suggestions that the two sites, which date to about 2500 BC, are closely linked (*The Times*, August 14, 1987).

Both mounds, together with Dowth to the east, enshrine megalithic tomb chambers but the dwellings of their builders have proved elusive. The current investigation by Professor George Eogan, of Dublin University, at Knowth suggests that people were living on the site of the great tomb until the moment it was built.

He has located the remains of a house on the old land surface covered by the mound, and the Carrowkeel type pottery used by the inhabitants is the same as that deposited in the tomb chambers when they were constructed. The house itself was built of fairly small timbers, of which the stakeholes remain, and was some 8 metres (26 ft) in diameter. It had been rebuilt at least five times, suggesting prolonged residence at the site, and dates to between 2800 and 2500 BC.

"We have some evidence for wider areas of domestic activity antedating the building of the tomb," Professor Eogan said. A rich occupation layer containing evidence for the economy and ecology of the settlement has been excavated en bloc, and will be dissected in the laboratory of the Archaeology Department at University College Dublin. "There is the chance of finding an extensive area of pre-tomb settlement," Professor Eogan believes.

By linking the present discovery to traces of occupation found in earlier seasons, Professor Eogan has been able to suggest four periods of settlement, in the last of which the megalithic tomb and its satellite mounds were built.

The earliest, dating to about 3000 BC, included a subrectangular wooden building some 11 by 9 metres in area, associated with examples of Lyles Hill pottery, the first ceramics so far identified in Ireland.

In the second phase this settlement expanded: long ditches suggest an enclosure up to 100 metres in diameter on the western side of the hilltop. Lyles Hill pottery was still in use, and radiocarbon dates suggest an age around 2800 BC.

By the third period, that of the new discovery, Professor Eogan believes that there was a general increase in the complexity of Irish neolithic society. The round-house dwellers were using a new style of pottery, living in more open country, and were soon quarrying stone for the tombs several miles away to the north.

"We see a totally different exploitation of the natural resources of the landscape," he says, "but unfortunately the bulk of the tomb builders' settlement seems to lie under the main mound and so cannot be excavated."

The tomb mound itself is being restored to cope with increasing tourism, and the fragile carvings are being protected by the installation of overhanging slabs that will keep rain and trickling water from eroding them. Several new carvings have been found this summer, including pecked lozenges on a corbel of one of the satellite tombs.

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TELEVISION

William Leith

The producers of *The Troubles* (Channel 4), the acclaimed 1981 documentary about Northern Ireland, had the bright idea of representing everything in the film with visual symbols. For instance, whenever Protestants were mentioned, we would see a phalanx of Orangemen marching down a street. Catholics were represented by an equivalent bunch in green shirts, with fife and drums. When the commentary turned to violence, we saw gravestones silhouetted in the sunset.

This had the effect of endorsing, for the casual viewer, the idea that Northern Ireland is a place where there is no possibility whatsoever of anybody doing anything normal for even five minutes. People were depicted as nothing but manifestations of fanatical points of view. Everyone was having Trouble.

The documentary started off like a John Carpenter movie. The blackened hulks of burnt-out houses loomed towards the camera to the accompaniment of doomy music. This represented The Troubles in general. It looked just like a fictional post-holocaust landscape. You expected the people walking around it to be mutants.

But the main point of this first episode of the series was to explain the historical routes of today's Trouble. We were shown a map of Ireland with a red blob on it just north of Dublin — this was the Pale, the first bit to be settled by the Brits. The narration was too hollow and humourless to explain, to those who might not know, that this was the origin of the expression "beyond the Pale".

We were whipped through 700 years of history in just over half an hour. The 17th-century uprisings were represented by engraving of Catholics chopping off Protestants' arms and legs and roasting children on spits. We had the Cromwell era (ruined castles) the potato-famine (ruined hovels); the 18th-century influx of Protestant land owners (helicopter-shots of country estates).

And then there were the talking heads. The trouble with some of the heads, though, was that they could not really talk. Speaking about the potato-famine, one old man said, "And I've heard of the dead that was green around the mouths because they were living on what they could find in the ditches." This was a mistake. The old man did not really believe the Irish were the Undead. But you got the feeling that the film-makers did.

The only way is where?

Bros, Britain's favourite pop group, play Wembley Stadium tomorrow. **David Toop** asks whether this sets the seal on their success or marks the beginning of an inevitable decline



Cloned seaside gigolos? Matt and Luke Goss, twin brothers from south London, are now the whole of Bros

The first Bros statement to the world, via their initial hit single, was a question: "When will I be famous?" The answer to that is probably dependent upon the number of starry-eyed young ladies ("Brosettes" to the trade) they can attract to Wembley Stadium tomorrow. If, as a spate of gloating reports suggests, they are playing to banks of empty seats, then the fame will have lasted from around November 1987 until the end of next week. By then, the critics will have torn the last morsel from the corpse. Life as it was before Bros will have resumed.

Bros are the pop group that non-Brosettes love to hate. The taunting invective, along with the gossip, has been gleefully heaped upon Matt and Luke, the 20-year-old Goss twins. "Aryan robots" is among the more flattering descriptions. But the images they create for themselves, it must be said, only encourage such spitefulness.

The posters advertising their Wembley concert show a glowering pair of virtually identical young men, faces toasted to an improbable tan by photographic under-exposure. They could be sun-burn victims waiting for the doctor, a new breed of cloned seaside gigolos, or celebrities fallen prey to a career-related disease caused by the flash-bulbs of paparazzi cameras.

The sleeve of their latest single was similarly unsettling in its fleshy intensity, suffused with pink, blond and tan. "Too Much", followed a similar sales pattern to their five previous British singles. Straight into the Top 10 it shot, like a comet, and then, just as quickly, it tumbled back out again.

In the midst of their rehearsals for Wembley, Luke (the drummer of the duo) agrees and yet disagrees, as of course he must. "Yes, of course we were disappointed," he says. "But how can you be disappointed with six Top Five singles?" Quite easily, one might suggest, since a group which is perceived as being this famous should have some substantial sales figures to buttress the continuing soap-opera of its media profile. Bros's album, *Push*, has managed to shift an impressive 1.2 million copies in this country since March of last year, but the impression in the music business is of strenuous under-achievement and inexperience.

By asking when they would be famous, Bros assumed that fame was a foregone conclusion. Pop music's current "Mr Big", Tom Watkins, (who also manages the Pet Shop Boys) was in their corner, along with the producer and songwriter, Nicky Graham, a man who does not object to the description "Svengali figure". When I talked to Watkins, of the aptly named Massive Management, in March last year, he rather cruelly described Nicky Graham as "almost the fourth member of the group, except he's 43 years old".

At that point, Bros were a trio. As Graham described them (in a phrase which now seems rather unfortunate), they were "schoolmates who stick together for years". Within eight months of this touching pronouncement, school-mates Matt, Luke and their friend and bass-player, Craig, had come unstuck. "Craig no longer wanted to be in Bros and all that goes with it — the world tours, the television, the interviews. He left entirely of his own accord," says Luke, and then adds, darkly: "He was misled by outside parties. There were other influences at the time. It was a total shock."

Having interviewed Bros in the south London family home with their mother, their step-father and the two pet dogs, it came as no shock to me. Underneath their wholesome likeability, the Goss twins seemed single-minded in their ambition, but also slightly strange in their chemistry of warm childishness and a cool adulthood that had arrived too soon. They were plainly intertwined, both emotionally and in their motivation and aspirations. The look with which they displayed and offered themselves — James Dean as created by Leni Riefenstahl, has been one suggested description — was replicated in each other. No mirror was necessary for a reflection.

This was trouble for Craig, of course, who was quiet, ordinary and brown-haired. Not really an Aryan-robot type. Significantly, he was often cropped out of photographs and posters. He simply upset the symmetry. He probably lost confidence, and the gruelling work schedule took its toll. First he became ill and then, with the ultimate gesture of contemporary estrangement, he communicated with the Goss twins by means of solicitors' letters.

Remember that early Bros single called "Drop The Boy", written about the discomfort of finding some degree of maturity as a teenager, yet still being thought of as a child? "It was slightly written about Craig," said singer Matt, speaking last March. Now the boy is dropped.

The well-publicized growing pains of the twins are ridiculed by their detractors, yet why would anybody begrudge them success? The (serious) rock faction has always under-valued pop groups and the predominantly female teenagers who are their fans. Bros have made enemies by reviving teen mania, but teen mania is an elemental ingredient in pop. For this, if nothing else, Bros deserve their fame.

Bros appear at Wembley Stadium tomorrow, with Debbie Gibson and Inner City also on the bill. A review will appear on this page on Monday.

False notes, uncertainty and freaks

EDINBURGH FESTIVAL

THEATRE

MICHAEL MAYHEW



Geoffrey Bateman (Henry VIII) and Miranda Foster (Anne Boleyn)

Schism in England
St Bride's Centre

La Nit
Lyceum

Spanish Golden Age drama, hitherto viewed by British spectators as a large unmapped area possibly infested with dragons, has lately undergone some overdue exploration by the National Theatre, and by the indefatigable translator-playwright John Clifford, who now join forces in the opening shot of Edinburgh's massed salute to the Golden Age.

As a Spanish counterpart to Shakespeare's *Henry VIII*, Calderón's *Schism in England* ought to be a fascinating event. We are all too used to seeing what Jacobean playwrights made of the Italian and Spanish courts: what did the Spanish make of us? The contrast, judging from Clifford's version, is rather humbling. Far from the British practice of projecting our own homicidal and lascivious fantasies on to the defenceless foreigner, Calderón treats the English monarch and most of his court with grave respect. His Wolsey is remarkably close to Shakespeare's, as an upstart butcher's son who regains his soul when he has been stripped of his power. The only outright villain is Anne Boleyn, who lies, betrays, and murders her way to the throne, and even ditches the indispensable Wolsey, finding it "tedious to be grateful to a repulsive little man who happened to give you a bit of help".

Calderón composed the piece at a time (1627) when Spain was trying to improve relations with Britain: but its essential argument is religious, not political, written in sorrow at the defection of a virtuous monarch from the true Church. The Epilogue marks Henry down as "learned and foolish"; and Wolsey is speaking for the author when he describes his master as "a man who can be persuaded to follow his desires, irrespective of his best interests". What this leaves out is the fact that his folly never eclipses his intelligence.

Calderón introduces him in a Faustian scene, as a devout scholar penning anti-Lutheran tracts, attended by an evil spirit in the likeness of Anne who threatens to blot out every line he writes. Thereafter he slithers into impiety with his eyes wide open, accepting public rebuke from the court Fool, Pasquin, and seeing through the legal sophistry Wolsey uses to justify his divorce from Catherine. If the line of argument is that of a religious polemic, the character itself is tragic.

That, alas, is not the impression it makes in John Burgess's National Theatre Studio production, a well-cast and severely designed version which fails to make any continuous contact with the play. Knowing no Spanish, I cannot question the accuracy of Clifford's translation; but its tone is all over the place — varying between loose iambics, conversational speech, and droll proverbs. The trouble is not so much the variety as the fact that none of these is presented as a deliberate stylistic choice, and the writing is generally mediocre.

Anne's discarded lover, Charles (Jeremy Flynn) delivers endless platitudinous tirades which are then blocked by one-liners from his confidant, but with no suggestion of whether or not this is meant as a satirical comment on the honour code.

Court ceremonial is periodically interrupted by the arrival of Karl Johnson's beaming Pasquin, in a silly hat, to put questions like "What's wrong with you, King?" Court Fools may enjoy complete freedom of speech, but the effect here is simply oafish.

It might have been otherwise with a commanding central performance, but Geoffrey Bateman's Henry (still uncertain of his lines) is equally lacking in royal authority, intellectual energy, and lust. The feeling he does convey is the fear that he may be uncrowned at any moment, expressed through an apologetically shifty demeanour, so that when he reaches his grovelling last lines, "How wrong I was", he has nowhere to climb down from.

Linda Basset succeeds in presenting the irreproachably stoic Catherine without the smallest trace of emotional blackmail; and there is a beautifully lethal Anne from Miranda Foster, who preserves the demoniac quality of her first scene, particularly when spitting out venomous asides in the midst of obsequious courtesies. Otherwise, a fascinating opportunity thrown away.

Spain fares no better at the Lyceum where the Catalan troupe, Els Comediants, are offering a lumbering late-night revue backed up with an oom-pah band. On Wednesday the show went up 75 minutes late, and began with the ingenious wheeze of spreading a net over the long-suffering stalls; someone should try this to cheer up the charter crowds at Gatwick.

After which there was much elementary clownmanship with soda siphons, rubber guitars, underwear, and bogey masks, in a variety of nocturnal locations from the master bedroom to the Street of Shame. They have some fancy props.

Irving Wardle

Master Peter's Puppet Show
George Square Theatre

The National Youth Music Theatre has added yet another technique to its panoply of professional skills: it has taken on mime and mask-theatre and done so with the imagination and panache which characterizes its work at its best.

Manuel de Falla's puppet opera has, quite literally, come alive in a fresh and audacious reincarnation. Its puppets are the smaller children of the troupe, while its stage audience, plus Don Quixote and Sancho Panza, are those whose voices have broken and flowered, and are enjoying a final fling with the company.

Jeremy James Taylor and John Wright, directing, cunningly accustom the real audience to the full-size actors first by having them mingle in the stalls in robust and coltish prankery before rolling on to the stage to watch the show, manage its props, even become its mountains. When the eyes are suddenly confronted with the diminutive "puppets" of the cast proper, the impression is captivating: the scale entirely credible, the movement and deftly expressive little masks (by Michael Chase) marionette-like in the extreme.

There were delighted gasps as the macabre procession of clergy made its way into the court of Charlemagne; yelps of disbelief as the fair and minute Melissendra decended from the mountains on a tea-tray. Each vignette is played in keen-eared counterpoint with de Falla's music: the whipping of the wicked Moor is a *tour de force* of physical percussion, the approach of the deluded Don Quixote to Melissender elided deliciously with the violins' elegy.

The company has found some good voices, too: Justin Harmer's Don Quixote is a more than promising young baritone, Rob Milner's Master Peter well on his way to the musical boards. An unnamed orchestra played energetically behind the back-drop; but I am told there are grander plans for when the show comes to the South Bank next summer. It runs in Edinburgh until August 26 in tandem with *The Magistrate*.

Hilary Finch

FESTIVAL FRINGE



Captivating impression: a scene from *Master Peter's Puppet Show*

PROMS

Swirling tempest

BBCPO/Klee
Albert Hall/Radio 3

For much of this performance of Mahler's Sixth Symphony, your critic was wondering why, when younger, he used to make such a fuss about the work. Was it because it tends to affect younger people more acutely (they usually hold death in greater awe than older people), or could it be put down to the qualities of this particular reading?

Certainly, infelicities of one kind or another abounded. The hard-worked first trumpeter of the BBC Philharmonic Orchestra split just too many crucial notes, the blooming string sound we heard this orchestra produce a fortnight ago had faded, and elsewhere there were problems of blend. There were also interpretative question marks. The slow movement (placed third) was too fast, its phrasing often inelegant, so that it contained no sense of warm repose. Moreover, neither the onward march of Fate in the opening movement nor the sardonic Scherzo seemed to be given with enough sheer determination. Yet the Finale swept aside all misgivings. Bernhard Klee encouraged highly charged playing, bringing out the music's full terror. There were still rough edges, but they meant nothing in the context of such a swirling, tormenting tempest.

Earlier the soprano Eilene Hannan and the boys of the Finchley Children's Music Group joined the orchestra for Berg's Three Fragments from "Wozzeck". Hannan was marvellously expressive, and Klee's shaping of these three "trailers" sure, though again a certain poise was missing.

No such problems beset the late-night concert by Musica Antiqua Koln at St Paul's, Knightsbridge. This sequence of level-headed, innocent music for four violins provided the perfect corrective for what had gone before. Telemann's resourcefulness (in two concertos without continuo). Leonardo Leo's elegant virtuoso writing (in an exuberant Concerto in D), and the Frenchman Jacques Aubert's early 18th-century Italian manner were all conveyed with sound techniques. Those things would have counted for little, however, without these artists' sheer instinct for performance.

Stephen Pettitt

Breath-catching moments

RECITAL

Montserrat Caballé
Usher Hall

Just in case the wait for the Edinburgh Festival's visiting *zarzuela* should be proving all too much, Montserrat Caballé, at the end of her recital, gave a sneak preview of Spain's unique form of comic operetta. Two gurgling arias, tongue and larynx-twisting all at once, were the first of a string of encores. They rolled out, interspersed with much chatter and peals of girlish laughter which, more often than not, would become integrated in the next song. The audience was ecstatic.

But the prize was not easily won. Caballé began severely: even her navy suit and tightly swept-back hair suggested there was to be no nonsense. Vivaldi, Bellini and Mercadante exercised the voice in a series of songs in which a few breath-catching moments were



Montserrat Caballé: severe start

spun among many routine *diva* clichés.

With the connivance of Miguel Zanetti's pearly, often mischievous piano playing, it was Rossini who worked the change. Suddenly the movement of a line became one with the current of breath, and in "Di tanti palpiti" from *Tancredi*, Caballé began to tease out vibration, rhythm and pitch with the minute control at which she still excels. Catalonia was put on the map in the second half. Granados's "Elegia eterna" found Caballé in taut, elastic, deliciously raw voice, as the mist followed the river and the breeze followed the mist in one long liquid line.

Still the tone was sombre, plangent; and in the greater simplicity of two songs by the Barcelona-born Frederico Mompou, the words fell shyly into place as if almost surprised by the unexpected harmonic shifts below them. Only in Turina's coquettish "Tu pupila es azul" did the first real smile twitch on the lips and the hands begin to flutter with the soaring vocalise of her cries of "Ai!" Before this came the composer's passionate lullaby, the "Cancio de cuna" and after it, applause which made earlier festival ovations seem merely dutiful.

Hilary Finch

Scandinavian Spanish swagger and bold American enterprise

FESTIVAL CONCERTS

Gothenburg SO/ Järvi
Usher Hall

Boston Music Production Company
St Mark's Unitarian Church

Scandinavia's longest established orchestra offered Edinburgh a programme diplomatically balanced between the Nordic and the Hispanic. It made a fine flourish for the Swedes' Prom performances tonight and tomorrow.

Rimsky-Korsakov's *Capriccio Espagnole* merely continued the festival's travelogue view of musical Spain and briefly introduced the orchestra's principals, but de Falla's *The Three Cornered Hat* provided more substance. As it happened, I had enjoyed a witty performance of the original mime play, *The Magistrate*, two hours earlier in the George Square Theatre: the three women of The Triple Threat Dance Company became miller, miller's wife, magistrate, even millstream in turn, with all the quirky unpredictability which the orchestra were later to relish in de Falla's score.

Järvi and his players had an extra dance or two to add, some lusty Nordic *olés*, an army of castanets, and the distant voice of Christine Cairns, warning of forthcoming trouble in a rich, mysterious mezzo'. Swagger and subtlety co-existed in an interpretation which was a masterpiece of comic and not-so-comic timing.

Cho-Liang Lin's febrile performance of Sibelius's Violin Concerto was answered by the token contemporary Swedish work: an eight-minute surge of reverberance, of minimal rhythmic and melodic interest, called *Era* by Jan Sandström.

It is certainly uphill work searching for classical music-making on the Fringe of anything like the quality of Fringe theatre. But amongst the genteel Schubertiades, the dustings-down of neglected Scots, and the jamborees of youth orchestras, I was gratified to find the Boston Music Production Company, which is playing eight imaginative and highly varied chamber programmes, using a sulky old Broadwood in an over-reverberant Unitarian church. Notwithstanding that, their performances are crystalline, fleet-fingered miracles. They deserve better than an audience of four.

H.F.

FRIDAY PAGE

Don't drink and be a dad?

Mothers-to-be are bombarded by health advice. Is it time for daddy to consider preconceptual care? Ann Kent reports

TONY STONE



Parental problems: it has been estimated that between 25 and 30 per cent of infertility is caused by male factors

It takes two to tango and — despite the great strides made *in infertility treatment — it still* takes two people to conceive a baby. Yet, while pregnant women and nursing mothers are given endless advice about what they should eat, drink and inhale, the putative father in the background — who may be knocking back a bottle of whisky, smoking 40 *cigarettes and eating chips with* everything — is usually overlooked.

Babies are not cloned from their mothers. They are formed by the fusion of 23 chromosomes from the sperm and 23 from the mother's egg, a truly joint venture. But while *research has concentrated on the* effects of the mother's lifestyle on the baby, little is known about the male influence.

Even as far as the mother is concerned, the situation is not nearly so clear-cut as the experts would have us believe. The guilt of women with less-than-normal children is likely to be increased this week by an article in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, which suggests that breast-fed babies whose mothers drink alcohol appear to show a delay in the development of physical skills, although this is so slight as to be unnoticeable in individual children.

As usual, this week's medical literature is silent about the father's role in the conception, delivery and rearing of a healthy infant. Yet there is a great deal of scientific interest in the effects of the chemicals contained in the alcohol and cigarettes used by the parents on the development of the foetus.

John Aitken, senior scientist with the Medical Research Council's Unit of Reproductive Biology says: "It is relatively easy to look for chromosomal abnormalities in the female egg because it has its chromosomes nicely assembled on a spindle. The chromosomes in sperm are tightly compacted, making it difficult to spot abnormalities. A technique has been developed which allows unravelling of the chromosomes. A lot of us would like to do this work, and to see the effects of alcohol, tobacco and pesticides on sperm. At the moment we don't have the funding for it."

However, the funding does exist for research into the effects of alcohol of female eggs, and researchers at Cambridge University have applied to do it. They would also like to investigate whether defective *sperm are capable of fertilizing a* human egg. It is believed, but not established, that they are not.

Peter Braude, a lecturer in obstetrics and gynaecology at Cambridge University who hopes to do this research, has no doubts about the adverse effects of alcohol on male fertility. "Anecdotally, I can tell you *of any number of couples* whose infertility was treated simply by getting the man to give up drinking. In many cases the man will think he doesn't drink much — and then tell you he has three pints every night and more at weekends."

Tim Hargreave, an expert in male infertility, from the Western General Hospital, *Edinburgh*, says: "Quite a few studies have looked at sperm abnormalities and smoking — with conflicting results. No one can say there is any strong evidence that smoking damages fertility, although scientifically it seems likely. We know that cigarette products are mutagenic, which means that they damage dividing cells. Sperm cells are among the fastest dividing in the body.

"Some of our own research suggests an increase in abnormal sperm among men who smoke, but there have not been any clear results *from large-scale studies*. We know that alcoholics with liver damage become infertile, but we can find no strong evidence about the effects of moderate consumption. Despite all this, I do suggest that infertile couples cut down on drinking, if they drink on more than four days of the week, and on smoking.

"It seems very likely that damaged sperm don't fertilize eggs, because the healthy ones are the most likely to reach the target first. However, this does not apply when techniques such as in-vitro fertilization are used in cases where the husband has poor sperm. I am not aware of more abnormal babies being born because of this, but careful records must be kept so we can be sure this is not happening."

Peter Brinsden, medical director of Bourn Hall clinic, which pioneered IVF techniques, is more certain about the adverse effects of drinking and smoking.

He says: "If men have poor sperm counts, I suggest they give up drinking altogether. If the woman has ovulation problems, and takes more than one drink a day, I suggest she gives up as well. I am also quite keen on male weight reduction. Between 25 and 30 per cent of infertility is caused by male factors."

But how much of the advice given to women is valid? Despite scare stories about the effects of foetal alcohol syndrome, it seems to be tobacco rather than alcohol which causes most of the trouble. Research carried out at St George's Hospital, London, showed that smoking was much more important than alcohol, caffeine, poverty and stress in leading to the birth of underweight babies. Low birth weight is important because it suggests that the foetus has been deprived of nutrients while in the womb. Alcohol only had a significant effect when the mother smoked as well and, in this case, this was greater than the effect on mothers who smoked but did not drink.

According to the Royal College of Physicians' report on alcohol, there is no conclusive evidence that alcohol ingestion of less than 10 units a week (that is, 10 glasses of wine, or five pints of beer, or 10 single spirits) during pregnancy affects the welfare of the foetus. The report advises women to restrict themselves to an occasional drink, at least in the early stages of pregnancy. However, the effects of two to three alcoholic drinks a day, or the occasional binge, are still not clear.

Nick Wald, professor of environmental and preventive medicine at Bart's Hospital, says: "A lot of the science relating to what pregnant women should and shouldn't do is very shaky indeed. A great deal of lip service is paid to the value of a good, balanced diet. However, there is no evidence to suggest that harm is caused, provided women get enough calories to avoid malnutrition.

"No one disputes the fact that heavy drinking of alcohol is harmful, but the effect of moderate drinking is a very grey area indeed. I am convinced by the evidence on smoking. If a couple want to have a healthy baby, they should give up smoking as a team."

Recent research on passive smoking in children suggests that both mother and father must give up cigarettes for good. Children whose parents smoke are more likely to suffer respiratory illnesses than those brought up in non-smoking households.

TALKBACK

The loss of a child

From Mrs Patricia Eastwell, Darlington, Co. Durham

I am astonished at the immoderate and ill-considered response of some correspondents who objected to Neil Lyndon's expression of regret for his dead unborn children ("Rights and wrongs of man", Monday Page, August 7) — a sentiment which would be received sympathetically from the pen of a woman. The assumption behind one of the letters seems to be that abortion can be justified if the child's future environment may be less than perfect, or if his existence may hinder the smooth unfolding of his mother's career and prevent her becoming "equal to men in the work-place" — what a dismally bleak approach.

Those who counsel and care for women in the distress which so often follows abortion know how severe, prolonged and disabling this distress can be: it is not surprising that men share it to some extent, and it is right that it should be expressed. Is it not precisely for their alleged deficiency in the "superior" feminine virtues of feeling and caring that men are routinely castigated by feminist orthodoxy?

Neil Lyndon would rightly have been expected to help support his children had they been born, and he was willing to do so, and to act in all respects as a father to them. He is right to resent the fact that he was not consulted about their lives or deaths.

From Mary Cole, Gazing Lane, West Wellow, Hampshire

Having read the unanimous criticism of him, I am writing to say that I find Neil Lyndon's column poignant, funny, and thought-provoking in general. His contribution on August 7 was no exception. It seems only reasonable and natural to mourn one's lost children, especially if you cannot produce live born ones in later years.

Why shouldn't Mr Lyndon regret the loss of siblings for his only child? Why may he not wonder what those two would have been like?

An unwanted conception does not necessarily lead to an unhappy or unloved child. Many women regret their aborted foetuses. Surely a man should be allowed to express similar emotions?

From E. Hughes, Gunnersbury Avenue, London W3

The loss and pain Neil Lyndon feels all these years on is probably nothing to what each one of the several women he made pregnant feels to this day. Not the tragedy of women forced to have their child adopted, and not knowing anything of them.

I know because I had an abortion. It was forced on us by the times and attitudes we lived under. Today we would have had more of a choice but even so the emotional and financial realities of bringing up a child alone are harsh.

He has only the women's word for it that they had abortions: for all he knows his progeny by some of them may be alive and have overwhelming regret wondering who their biological father is, and may never have the means to know.

At least Neil Lyndon's article awakens others to the time bomb of loss and, one hopes, will make them more careful in future.

From Virginia Goulding, Holly Road, Birmingham

Neil Lyndon's piece on fatherhood is the best argument against abortion heard in a long while. Of course, family life without a father is hardly a family. So why not give father a say in the survival of the family?

From Pamela Woodward, Honeysuckle Lane, High Salvington, Worthing, Sussex

As one who is the other side of 40 and had my children before it was fashionable to have a career first, I read Liz Gill's article "Born in the cradle of style" (Monday, August 7) with some amusement.

I feel as the writer — alarm at the baby-as-new-special-project approach. How, I wonder, will these women who at 40-plus embark on motherhood cope with adolescents when they are approaching 60? Perhaps by then an enterprising one of their number will have written a directory advising them of all the pitfalls. I wish them all luck and perhaps I am just being cynical.

WORLD AFFAIRS

News and views on environmental issues

Now it's friendly nappies

Even if a plan to increase tax on "environmentally unfriendly" products goes ahead, it seems unlikely that all Western mothers will be inspired to drop disposable nappies ("unsound" largely because they are the product of trees) in favour of the old-fashioned kind.

So as babies in Britain get through 2,600 million nappies a year, efforts to make disposables more environmentally sympathetic are crucial. At the end of this month, Peaudouce introduces its biodegradable nappy, featuring 100 per cent non-chlorine bleached pulp and a plastic backing, which (after some years), it is claimed, breaks down fully in the soil. But, the manufacturers insist, "they don't break down on the baby". Meanwhile, Procter & Gamble, which makes Pampers, is joining the race for a planet-friendly nappy, making use of recycled plastic from industrial sources, which will bio-degrade. It has also announced an initiative to recycle soiled nappies and experiment with turning them into flowerpots and other plastic and cardboard goods. "But we're still working out how to collect the used nappies," a P&G spokesman admits. Not an enviable task . . .



Nature's way: animal wallpapers with a charity contribution

Phone-a-green

Revelations about pesticide residues in everyday foods have not only worried consumers; they have also caused frustration. To fill a shopping basket can entail visits to several health food shops and supermarkets, as demand frequently outstrips supply. A nation-wide survey revealed yesterday that food scares are encouraging people to buy organic produce but in some areas it is very difficult to find. Having made an "exhausting" nation-wide search for suppliers of organically produced fruit, vegetables, cheeses and dried goods for her own two children, businesswoman Antonia Kirby has started a weekly service, Au Naturel, delivering fresh certified organic provender (plus recycled lavatory paper and so on) to Londoners' front doors. "I got fed up with finding supermarket shelves bare of all but a few organic courgettes because someone else had got there first," she says. Orders are placed by telephone on 01-373 2515. Au Naturel will also collect newspapers and bottles to be recycled.

Foam off menu

The resource and land-rich United States may only slowly be waking up to the imperilled environment, but individuals are already beginning to stick their necks out to bring about change. When a 15-year-old New Jersey schoolgirl, Tanja Vogt, discovered that manufacture of the polystyrene foam food trays used in her school cafeteria helped to deplete the ozone layer, she launched a current events project — encouraged by her professor, Karl Stehle — polling students about whether they would prefer lunch on a foam tray for $1.20, or on a paper tray for $1.25. By the end of that week more than three-quarters of the school's students were paying the extra nickel. Stehle draws parallels between the apparent dawning of a new eco-consciousness among the youth of the United States and that country's revolution: "What we face here with the environment was what they faced in the revolution. It was a core that believed they could make a change. It's individuals who make a difference."

Moral shopping

If you are going to buy a can of pet food, a pair of running shoes or a box of chocolates next month, September's issue of *The Ethical Consumer* could add a new dimension to your shopping expedition. Tagged "the alternative *Which?*", this magazine looks beyond glossy packaging to produce an independent corporate critique of manufacturers and retailers, charting trading links with South Africa or oppressive regimes, and revealing whether they pay fair wages, respect animal rights and — most topically — are environmentally sound. As the editor, Jane Turner, explains, "it if is 'good for the environment' to use lead-free petrol, it might be even better to use lead-free and buy it from the company with the best environmental record". With six issues a year, *The Ethical Consumer* is available by individual subscription, price £9, from ECRA Publishing, 100 Gretney Walk, Moss Side, Manchester M15 5ND. How to explain to the dog that his favourite brand of chow is morally indigestible, however, is another matter.

Eco-wallpaper

How green can a non-recycled, vinyl-coated wallpaper be? Well, at least slightly green, if a royalty on sales is paid to the *Conservation Foundation*, to help with national and international environmental projects. Six sophisticated new wallpapers in a range called Wild Life, by Rich and Smith, plunder nature for inspiration: designs using cheetahs, zebras, monkeys, butterflies, pandas and suitably rain forest-esque birds of paradise all sell for between £15 and 19.50 a roll, with co-ordinating cotton fabrics at £17.25 per metre and striking borders at £14.95 a roll. For stockists contact Rich and Smith, North Street Farm, Stoke sub Hamdon, Somerset TA14 6QR (0935 824696). The Conservation *Foundation*, whose global umbrella encompasses projects from the rain forests to Britain's coastline and countryside, can be found at 1 Kensington Gore, London SW7 2AR (01-823 8842).

Nature's words

As a nation, we have destroyed half our native woodland since the war. Yet individually, "trees are important landmarks in our lives — that's why people were so upset by the hurricane", says Sue Clifford, of Common Ground, the environmental and arts charity. Common Ground has launched a limited edition magazine entitled *Pulp!*, with 44 large-scale pages featuring musings and illustrations from (among others) Ben Elton, Heathcote Williams, Calman and Germaine Greer, celebrating nature's own air-conditioners.

Pulp!, made from recycled paper, naturally, costs £2.50 from Dillons or £3.50 by post from 45 Shelton Street, London WC2H 0HJ. It is part of Common Ground's programme of events and publications intended to nurture a wider appreciation of nature.

As entertaining for the armchair conservationist as for the wellie brigade, *Pulp!* is assembled with the graphic panache that recently earned the charity a £25,000 award from Prudential Assurance. Profits from the magazine are pumped back into the charity, although, Clifford says: "Further donations are always needed. Alas, money doesn't grow on trees . . ."

Josephine Fairley



The magazine with your name on it

OUT NOW

WEEKEND INFORMATION SERVICE



This selective guide to entertainment and events throughout Britain appears from Monday to Friday, followed in the Review section on Saturday by a preview of the week ahead. Items should be sent to The Times Information Service, PO Box 7, 1 Virginia Street, London E1 9XN

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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **BLOOD BROTHERS:** Willy Russell's sentimental musical: separated twins destroyed by the English class system; Angela Richards as their mother.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-867 1115). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-6pm, and Sat 4-7pm, £6.90-£18.50. (D)

A FLEA IN HER EAR: Jim Broadbent, Linda Marlowe, Roger Lloyd Pack, in the classic Feydeau farce, using John Mortimer's *translation, directed by* Richard Jones.
The Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-928 7616). Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 7.45pm, mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat 4pm, £4-£15, mats £3-£12. (D)

☆ **GARY:** Written, composed and devised by Roy Winston, an actor/dancer who was born deaf, this is the story of how a deaf adolescent deals with the outside world. Performed by a deaf, hearing-impaired and hearing company.
Arts Theatre, Great Newport St, WC2 (01-836 3334). Tube: Leicester Square. 7.30pm. £3.50 (£2.50 concs).

☆ **THE LOVE OF THE NIGHTINGALE:** Timberlake Wertenbaker's fascinating rework of the Philomela legend; beautiful production by Garry Hynes.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-638 8891). Tube: Barbican/Moorgate. Previews until Aug 21, 7.30-9.05pm, opens Aug 22, 7-8.35pm, then in rep, £9.50.

★ **THE MERCHANT OF VENICE:** Dustin Hoffman leads a high-quality cast in Peter Hall's production now extended until September.
Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Rd, WC2 (01-836 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats *Thurs and Sat 2pm*, £8-£17.50.

☆ **PRIN:** Sheila Hancock plays a college head battling for excellence against authority: new play by the sharp-witted Andrew Davies.
Lyric Theatre, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Previews until Aug 22, 7.45-10pm, opens Aug 23 7-9.15pm, then Mon-Sat 7.45-10pm, mats Wed 2.30-4.45pm and Sat 4-6.15pm, £7.50-£12.50.

FILMS

■ Also on national release
⊠ Advance booking possible

ANOTHER WOMAN (PG): Woody Allen's reflective story about a middle-aged college professor (Gena Rowlands) celebrating her fiftieth birthday (81 min).
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 3.15, 5.15, 7.15, 9.15.
⊠ **Screen on the Hill** (01-435 3366). Progs 3.20, 5.10, 7.15, 9.10.

■ **BATMAN (PG):** Tim Burton's action film starring Michael Keaton as the hero, *Kim Basinger as his sidekick*, Vicki Vale and Jack Nicholson as the deadly Joker (126 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.00.
⊠ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-373 6990). Progs 1.45, 6.15, 9.05.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 8861). Progs 1.55, 4.55, 8.00.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.25, 5.15, 8.20.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.45, 4.55, 8.05.
Barbican (01-638 8891). Progs 6.00, 8.30.
⊠ **Gate** (01-727 4043). Progs 10.15, 12.50, 3.25, 6.05, 8.45.
⊠ **Screen on the Green** (01-226 3520). Progs 3.00, 5.55, 8.55.
⊠ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 12.40, 3.25, 6.10, 8.55, 11.45.

■ **DIRTY ROTTEN SCOUNDRELS (PG):** Funny re-make of the 1964 *Bedtime Story* with Steve Martin and Michael Caine as two competing con-men on the French Riviera. Directed by Frank Oz (110 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 6.55, 9.25.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644/5). Progs 12.55, 3.30, 6.05, 8.40.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.05, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

■ **DO THE RIGHT THING (18):** *A stifling* hot 24 hours in Brooklyn, when petty disagreements turn into a full-scale riot (120 min).
⊠ **Empire** (01-437 1234). Progs: 1.00, 3.45, 6.45, 9.30.
Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772). Progs 3.10, 6.00, 8.25.

■ **HOW TO GET AHEAD IN ADVERTISING (15):** Bizarre satirical comedy from Bruce Robinson (writer-director of *Withnail and I*), with Richard E. Grant as an advertising hotshot undone by a boil on his neck (93 min).
Lumiere (01-836 0691). Progs 2.35, 4.40, 6.45, 8.55.

■ **INDIANA JONES AND THE LAST CRUSADE (PG):** Steven Spielberg's latest box office hit, starring Harrison Ford and Sean Connery (127 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.00.
⊠ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.30, 5.40, 9.15
⊠ **Empire** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.30, 3.15, 6.15, 9.15, 11.55.

■ **THE KARATE KID III (PG):** John Avildsen's continuation of the story of the Kid. Now, a year later, he is taken on by Mike Barnes, who is trained to fight dirty (112 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.05, 3.55, 6.05, 8.35.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 12.30, 3.00, 5.40, 8.25.
⊠ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.05, 3.30, 5.55, 8.25.

■ **LICENCE TO KILL (15):** Timothy Dalton returns as James Bond on a mission of vengeance in Latin America. A superior adventure directed by John Glen (113 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.50, 6.15, 9.10.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644/5). Progs 11.50, 2.45, 5.40, 8.40.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.30, 5.15, 8.30.
⊠ **Plaza** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.15, 2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.45.

THE RETURN OF THE MUSKETEERS (PG): Strained sequel to the Musketeers films of the mid-Seventies. Richard Lester directs; the cast includes Michael York, Oliver Reed, Kim Cattrall and Roy Kinnear (who died during shooting) (100 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.40, 4.05, 6.50, 9.40.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.40.
⊠ **Odeon West End** (01-930 5252). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.10, 8.45.

WOMEN ON THE VERGE OF A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN (15): Carmen Maura and Antonio Banderas in strange Spanish comedy-thriller directed by Pedro Almodovar (89 min).
Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3561). Progs 1.40, 3.45, 6.00, 8.20.
⊠ **Renoir** (01-837 8402). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.
⊠ **Minema** (01-235 4225). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.
⊠ **Screen on Baker Street** (01-935 2772). Progs 2.50, 5.05, 7.05, 9.00.

TOP FILMS AND VIDEOS

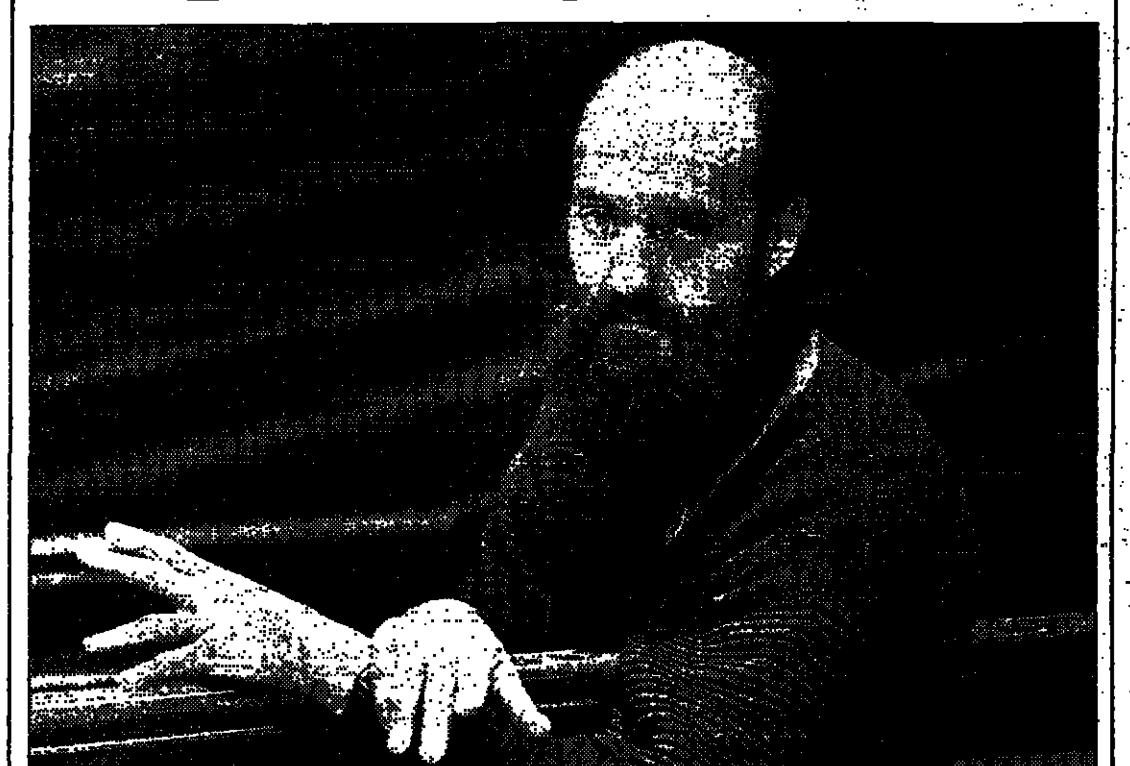
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Expanding horizons



It is usual for visiting orchestras to bring some of their home musical produce with them, but the Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra will not be playing any Swedish works at either of its promenade concerts. Instead, at the first of these tonight they offer Sibelius's Symphony No 2 from Finland and the belated UK premiere of Symphony No 3 by Arvo Pärt (above), the Estonian composer now resident in West Berlin. The conductor, Neeme Järvi, is himself from Estonia. Symphony No 3 dates from 1971, when Pärt was a pioneer of Modernism and as such had some trouble with the Soviet authorities. It is rather different from the minimalist music with which he has during the last dozen years or so won fame in the West, and was the last score he produced before the long silence out of which his more recent style was born. Divergencies between Pärt's early and late music should not be exaggerated; however, his older pieces, while less ascetic, have a strikingly well controlled precision of detail, and the three movements of Symphony No 3 contain the beginnings of his latter-day output. For example, there is a lot of near-repetition and some exceptionally stark orchestration.

Max Harrison

CONCERTS

TODAY

☆ **MARK'S MUSICI MUSIC:** London Musici are conducted by Mark Stephenson in Rossini's String Sonata No 3, a Handel Concerto Grosso Op 3, Mendelssohn's String Symphony No 12, Haydn's D major Cello Concerto with Felix Schmidt as soloist.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Sq, London WC2 (01-839 1930), 7.30pm, £7.50.

ENLIGHTENED BACH: The "Towards Bach" series moves steadily forward with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment offering its interpretations of Bach Suites Nos 1 and 3, Kusser's Overture No 4, Rosenmuller's Sonata de Camera No 5, a Concerto Grosso from Corelli's Op 6 and Fischer's Suite No 7. Sigiswald Kuijken conducts.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £4-£12.50.

TOMORROW

☆ **KUIJKEN OFFERING:** Sigiswald Kuijken (violin), Barthold Kuijken (flute), Wieland Kuijken (cello) and others play Bach's *The Musical Offering*, preceding it in this further instalment of "Towards Bach" with a fantasia by Jenkins, a suite by Lawes, a trio by Buxtehude.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800). 7.45pm.

SUNDAY

OSLO TRYPTICO: The Oslo Philharmonic is conducted by Mariss Jansons in Kvandal's *Typtico*, Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 4 and Stravinsky's *Petroushka* ballet music.
Usher Hall, Lothian Road, Edinburgh (031 225 5756). 8pm.

DANCE

★ **BOLSHOI BALLET:** British tour ends with *Giselle* and *Paquita* today, 7.30pm, Spartacus tomorrow, 2pm and 7.30pm.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), returns only.

☆ **FLAMENCO FROM SEVILLE:** Cristina Hoyos and her company from Spain. Part of the Edinburgh Festival.
Usher Hall, Edinburgh (031 225 5756), tonight 8pm, tomorrow, 2.30pm and 8pm, £3.50-£11.

☆ **THE INFERNAL GALOP:** New work for small group Adventures in Motion Pictures.
The Place, London WC1 (01-387 0031), tonight and tomorrow, 8pm, £6.

OPERA

☆ **LA CHULAPONA:** The National Opera of Spain presents the first complete *zarzuela* ever to come to Britain: this example of Spain's folkopera-cum-operetta is set in pre-war Madrid and concerns the battle of two launderesses for the love of one man.
Playhouse Theatre, *Edinburgh* (031 225 5756). 7.30-10.30pm, £5-£16.50.

☆ **SALOME:** The Folkopera of Stockholm join hands with a cast of young British singers and the Scottish Chamber Orchestra for a new production of Strauss's opera by Claes Fellbom at the start of the Edinburgh Festival.
Leith Theatre, Edinburgh (031 225 5756). 7.45-9.45pm, £3-£9.50.

☆ **MASTER PETER'S PUPPET SHOW:** The National Youth Music Theatre at the Edinburgh Festival presents de Falla's *puppet-opera* in a double bill *with The Magistrate*, both in new productions by Jeremy James Taylor and John Wright.
George Square Theatre, Edinburgh (031 225 5756). 4.15-5.45pm, £3 and £6.

ROCK

TODAY

☆ **AVERAGE WHITE BAND:** The Scottish soul group who broke through in the early 70s with "Pick Up The Pieces" and a very credible album. Things went gradually downhill from that point so it would be rash to predict what this revised line-up will sound like.
Town and Country, Highgate Rd, London NW5 (01-284 0303). 7.30pm, £8.50 advance.

☆ **CROPREDY FESTIVAL:** With Steeleye Span and Zumzeaux today, from 7.30pm, and Richard Thompson, All About Eve and Fairport Convention tomorrow, from noon.
Home Farm, Cropredy, Oxfordshire (01-837 3225), weekend £21, Fri £9, Sat £15.

TOMORROW

★ **BROS:** The Goss brothers, a teenybop group who came from nowhere to become last year's favourite pin-up, will be trying to fill the 72,000 spaces in Wembley Stadium with their muscular pop-funk. Giving a hand during the day will be Debbie Gibson and the popular dance duo Inner City.
Wembley Stadium, London (01-900 1234). 2pm, £15.

SUNDAY

☆ **EL GRAN COMBO:** Puerto Rican salsa group which began in the early Sixties after a split with Cortijo, the great innovator of Puerto Rican music. Led by pianist Rafi Ithier, El Gran Combo are still one of the best live Latin bands.
Empire Ballroom, Leicester Sq, London W1 (01-437 1446). 7.30pm, £8.50 advance.

JAZZ

TODAY

☆ **BRECON JAZZ FESTIVAL:** One of the country's jazz success stories. Among this year's big guns — Sonny Rollins (Sun), Jimmy Giuffre and Lillian Boutté (both Sat).
Various venues, Brecon, Powys (info 0874 5557) Today to Sun.

GEORGE RUSSELL: His international orchestra boasts a British contingent including Andy Sheppard and Ian Carr.
Snape Maltings, Aldeburgh (0728 453543) tonight, 7.30pm, £4.80-£10.80.
Market Hall, Brecon Jazz Festival, Powys (info 0874 5557) tomorrow, 7.30pm, £5.
Queen's Hall, Edinburgh Festival, Clerk St (031 668 2019) Sun, 11pm, £5.50 & £7.

☆ **SUMMER JAZZ:** The "Best of Scottish Jazz" season concludes with singer Carol Kidd (Purcell Room, tonight), the *Jimmy Deuchar Quartet* (tomorrow) and John Surman/Strathclyde Youth Jazz Orchestra (Queen Elizabeth Hall, Sun).
South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800) tonight to Sun, 8pm, £5 (Surman: £6.50).

TOMORROW

☆ **EDINBURGH JAZZ FESTIVAL:** Opening this weekend with artists ranging from Peanuts Hucko to Courtney Pine.
Various venues (info 031-557 1642) Tomorrow to Sun Aug 27.

GALLERIES

LINKS OF AFFINITY: Works by Dutch artists living in Britain, Marcelle Hanselaar and Anthony Krikhaar among them.
Glasgow Art Club, 185 Bath St, Glasgow, (041 248 5210), free, until Sept 8.

HIGHGATE WATERCOLOUR GROUP: Annual exhibition.
Burgh House, New End Sq, London NW3 (01-348 8695), Wed-Sun noon-5pm, free, until Aug 31.

MICHAEL ROTHENSTEIN: A retrospective for a major painter and an important innovator in printmaking.
City Museum and Art Gallery, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent (0782 202173), Mon-Sat 10.30am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Sept 3.

SCULPTURES OF THE 20TH CENTURY: A survey of Modernist sculpture starting with figurative bronzes by Lehmbruch, Barlach and Kollwitz and ending with a Warhol Brillo box.
Portsmouth City Museum and Art Gallery, Museum Rd (0705 827261), daily 10.30am-5.30pm, free, until Sept 3.

OUT OF THE WOOD: Many artists, including sculptors Lee Grandjean and Andrew Darke, explore the tree as image and symbol.
Crafts Council Gallery, 12 Waterloo Place, London SW1 (01-930 74811), Tues-Sat 11am-5pm; Sun 2-5pm, free, until Oct 8.

RUSKIN AND THE ENGLISH WATERCOLOUR: Paintings by the critic and those he admired, especially "the greatest of the age" J.M.W. Turner.
Bankside Gallery, 48 Hopton St, London SE1 (01-928 7521). Tues 10am-8pm, Wed-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1-5pm, £1, until Sept 10.

WALKS

TODAY

MAYFAIR AND THE GEORGIANS: Meet Green Park tube, 2pm, £3 (01-882 3414).

THE TRAIL OF JACK THE RIPPER — TRUTH AT LAST: Meet Whitechapel tube, 7.30pm, £3 (01-937 4281).

TOMORROW

INSIDE DICKENS'S LONDON: Meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £3 (01-441 8906).

SOME LONDON CURIOSITIES: Meet Blackfriars tube, 11am, £3.50 (01-668 4019).

SUNDAY

HISTORIC CITY — FROM THE ROMANS TO THE BLITZ: Meet Tower Hill tube, 11am, £3 (01-441 8906).

LONDON — ROYAL AND ARISTOCRATIC: Meet Green Park tube, 2.30pm, £3.50 (01-668 4019).

GARDENS

YORKSHIRE: Sheriff Hutton Park, 10m N of York, off A64 signed Sheriff Hutton-Flaxton, turn R at T junction beyond Lilling village; more than 50 acres of park, woodland, lake and formal gardens; admission £1, child over 5 and OAP's 50p; daily except Mons until Oct 31, 10-6pm.

CUMBRIA: Fern Cottage, Holme, 3m SE of Milnthorpe off A6, 5m N of Carnforth off A6070, on S side of Holme village beside canal bridge; ¾-acre garden for all seasons, mixed borders, all plantings, collections of Japanese *maples and hostas; admission 50p*, child 20p, Thurs until Sept 7 and Sun Aug 27, 2-5pm.

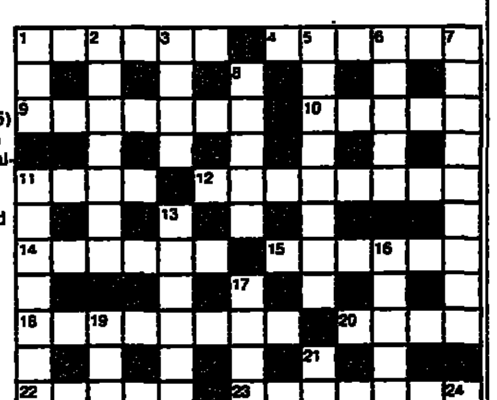
KENT: Coldham, Little Chart Forstal, 5m NW of Ashford; leave A20 at Charing, by road signposted to Little Chart, turn E in village, ¾m; small garden, many rare plants, bulbs, alpines, mixed borders, shrub roses; admission £1, child 50p, Sun 2-6pm.

CORNWALL: Ken Caro, Bicton, Pensilva, 5m NE of Liskeard, from A390 to Callington, turn N at Butcher's Arms St Ives, at next crossroads take sign to Bicton; 2 acres, well-labelled plantsman's garden, shrubs, conifers, herbaceous borders, *fine views*, aviary, water birds; admission £1, child 40p; Weds Aug 23 and 30, 2-6pm.

BERKSHIRE: Orchard Cottage, Sutton Road, Cookham, 3m A4094 N of Maidenhead; 1 acre, 500 roses, 400 dahlias, water garden, herbaceous and shrub borders, soft fruits, herbs, large greenhouses, many unusual plants; admission 50p, child 10p, Sun 2-6pm.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Gardens:** Roy Hay.

CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1952



ACROSS
1 Double dagger (6)
4 Burn (6)
9 Small terriers (7)
10 Southern US hickory (5)
11 Mt Athos peninsula (4)
12 Nonmarried partner's allowance (8)
14 Defensive metal (6)
15 Government-sponsored independent body (6)
18 Start shooting (4,4)
20 Haystack (4)
22 Indian loincloth (5)
23 Doodlebug larva (3,4)
25 Raises sharply (6)
26 Supplication (6)

DOWN
1 Liquorless (3)
2 Printing mistake (7)
3 Pupil diaphragm (4)
5 Fault-finding (8)
6 Odd pages (5)
7 Ragtime piano playing (5,4)
8 Tamarind cooking (5)
11 Iranian religious leader (9)
13 Sleeve fastener (8)
16 Loudly (7)
17 Monstrosity (5)
19 Listlessness (5)
21 Leading man/lady (4)
24 Neither (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1951
ACROSS: 1 Mini series 8 Forearm 9 Ledge 10 Iyar 11 Platinum 13 India 14 Vegan 16 Skeleton 18 Onus 21 Skulk 22 Lamprey 23 Heavy metal
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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 18

SCUNNER
(b) Noun and verb expressing disgust. You can be "fair scunnert", though "a right scunner" is usually a disliked person. Now ye ken why the villain in *Supergran* is called Scunner Campbell.

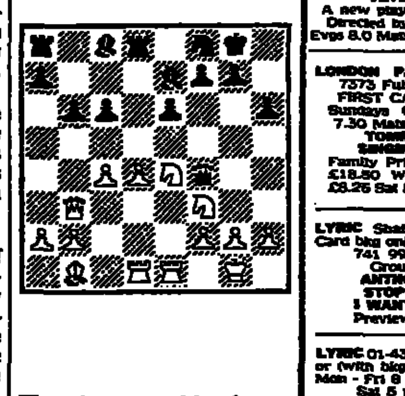
DOO
(b) Scots for pigeon, a dove (nothing to doo with *sgian dhu* a black knife). It is untrue that Glaswegians think a *skene dhu* is a pigeon on holiday at Aviemore.

SUGARALLIE WATTER
(c) A popular drink of liquorice, better home-made. A Glasgow nursery rhyme makes a social comment: "Sugarallie watter,/Black as the lum;/Gether up peens,/An ye'll aa git some."

CA
Ca has many meanings and spellings, most from the basic sense *to call*, as in "ca canny", or *to turn* as in "ca the rope" in skipping. Hence the football foul of sweeping the feet from under someone: "Scotch Equality: Ca the feet frae thon big bastard."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is from Buerger (White) v Thomas (Black) Hastings 1926. White to move wins. The winning move will be given in tomorrow's *Times*.

Solution to yesterday's position: Black wins with 1...Qxh4.

ENTERTAINMENTS

EXHIBITIONS

TELECOM TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE British Telecom's award-winning museum, with 200 years of mind-boggling oddities and space-age marvels. Its fun. It's educational. It's free. Tel 01 248 7444 10.5.00 or 0800 289 689 135 Queen Victoria St, EC4 nr Blackfriars stn. Mon-Fri 10am-5pm (excl Bank Holidays).

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA** Now Booking Autumn 1989 **THE MAGIC FLUTE/ KATYA KABANOVA/ A MASKED BALL/ STREET SCENE/ THE RETURN OF ULYSSES/ MADAM BUTTERFLY** Season starts August 24

GLYNDEBOURNE FESTIVAL OPERA with The London Philharmonic Today & Tue at 5.25. Sun at 4.25 **ARABELLA** Tomor Mon & Wed at 5.30 **THE RAKE'S PROGRESS** All performances **SOLD OUT** For possible returned tickets/ recorded information call 0273 541111

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL 01 928 8800 Eves 7.30. Thurs & Sat Mat 2.30 **ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET** Last perfs ton't, tomor Makarova's **SWAN LAKE** (Ton't Hogard/Schaufuss) 21 - 26 Aug Ashton's **ROMEO & JULIET**

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911 THE NEW SEASON OPENS SEPT 12 **THE ROYAL OPERA Rigoletto** Box Office open Mon - Fri 10am - 8pm. Closed Tomor. Aug 26, 28 & Sept 2nd, 9th

SADLERS WELLS 278 8916 First Call cc 24 hr 7 day 240 7200. From 21 August **BYELORUSSIAN BALLET**

THEATRES

ADELPHI 836 7611 or 240 7913 /4 CC 741 9999/ 836 7358/ 379 4444 First call 24hr cc 240 7200 (no bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 NOW BOOKING TO JANUARY
ME AND MY GIRL
THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL
Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00 **"THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN"** S Exp Fully Air Conditioned

ALBERY 867 1116 cc 867 1111 379 4444 (No bkg fee)/741 9999 240 7200 (Bkg fee) Grps 867 1113 **BEST MUSICAL** SWET Award 1983 **WILLY RUSSELL'S**
BLOOD BROTHERS
"ASTONISHING...A Milestone in British Musicals" S Exp **"THRILLING, ORIGINAL and IMPORTANT...Brings the audience to its feet, and roaring its approval"** D Mail Eves 7.45 Mats Thurs 3 Sat 4 Theatre Air Conditioned

APOLLO Box Office & cc 437 2663 "The most ingeniously linked double bill in modern theatre" D Tel
VANESSA REDGRAVE
RUPERT GRAVES
IAN SEARS and LARRY LAMB
in
A MADHOUSE IN GOA
"A bitingly clever comedy" Ind By Martin Sherman Directed by Robert Allan Ackerman Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3.0 Until 2 Sept Theatre Air Conditioned

ALDWYCH 836 6404/836 0641 cc (no bkg fee) 379 6233 379 4444 1st Call 24 hr 240 7200 'NOT TO BE MISSED' Obs IRIS MURDOCH'S MASTERPIECE
THE BLACK PRINCE
STARRING IAN McDIARMID Dir by STUART BURGE 'UTTERLY COMPELLING' T.Out Mon-Fri 8 Sat 5 & 8.30 Wed Mat 3 SEATS FROM £5 - £16 THEATRE AIR CONDITIONED

AMBASSADORS 01-836 6111/2 cc 836 1171, CC with bkg fee 240 7200/01-741 9999/379 4444. Group Sales 930 6123. Eves 7.30, Wed mat 3, Sat 4 & 8
LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES
6 MAJOR AWARDS Air Conditioned Theatre

APOLLO VICTORIA SS 828 8665 cc 630 6262 Groups 828 6188 CC Open All Hours 379 4444 1st Call 240 7200 K Prowse 741 9999 Groups 930 6123 Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.0 **SIXTH HIT YEAR!**
STARLIGHT EXPRESS
Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN **SOME SEATS AVAIL THIS WEEK** OAP's £8 on Tues mats **NOW BOOKING TO MARCH '90** AIR CONDITIONED THEATRE

BARBICAN THEATRE (Air Cond) 01 638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 9am-8pm) **ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY**
THE PLANTAGENETS
'A MOMENTOUS EXPERIENCE' Gdn **RICHARD III, HIS DEATH** Tomor 7.30 **TRILOGY** Sat from 10.46 **HENRY VI** Tues & Weds 7.30 **TKTS AVAIL. OTHELLO** at the Young Vic **SOME TKTS AVAIL ONLY ON 01 928 6363 THE PIT** Ton't Tomor Mon & Weds 7.30, Tues 7.00 **THE LOVE OF THE NIGHTINGALE** by Timberlake Wertenbaker. TKTS AVAIL.

BLOOMSBURY THEATRE Gordon Street WC1. 01-387 9629 National Youth Theatre presents **THE KITCHEN** by Arnold Wesker. Directed by James Bolam. Prev's Tonight and Tomorrow at 7.30pm. Open Mon at 7.00pm. Sponsored by Sainsbury's.

CAMBRIDGE THEATRE Earlham St, WC2 01-379 5299 CC 379 4444 (No Bkg Fee) 240 7200/741 9999 (Bkg Fees) Groups 240 7941 **RETURN TO THE FORBIDDEN PLANET** Shakespeare's Forgotten Rock-and-Roll Masterpiece From Mon 11 September

CHICHESTER 0243 781312 **LONDON ASSURANCE** 'gloriously funny' D. Exp 'one of Chichester's triumphs' F T **A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC** 'this haunting, hilarious, hard-edged and brilliant musical' S.Times 'a superb evening' F Times Eves 7.30, Mats Thur & Sat 2.30

COMEDY 930 2578/8778 cc 839 1438/741 9999 or 24hr cc with bkg fee 379 4444/240 7200 **"TWO BLAZING PERFORMANCES"** F Times
JULIE WALTERS BRIAN COX
in Terrence McNally's comedy
FRANKIE & JOHNNY
Directed by Paul Benedict
"FAST, FUNNY, VERY SEXY" BBC
Mon-Thu 8pm, Fri & Sat 6 & 8.45pm

DOMINION THEATRE 01 580 9562 **WAYNE SLEEP** and his World of Dance Tonight & Tomorrow at 5.0 & 8.0 pm. Also Fri 25 & Sat 26 Aug at 5.00 & 8.00pm Open All Hours 01 379 4444 (24 hrs) Keith Prowse 01 741 8989 Group Sales 01 930 6123

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & cc (no bkg fee) 836 8108 cc 24hr 7 days (bkg fee) 379 4444 240 7200 Grps 831 2771
MISS SAIGON
Red Prevs fr Sept 4 Opens Sept 20

DUKE OF YORKS 836 5122 cc 836 9837 cc 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999 Grps 836 6123 **COMEDY OF THE YEAR** Olivier Awards 1988 **HANNAH GORDON in WILLY RUSSELL'S "GBH" SHIRLEY VALENTINE** Eves 8 Mats Thu 3, Sat 5 "The audience roars approval. Shirley's spell is unbreakable" D Mail **"SHIRLEY THE SENSATIONAL... MEGA-BRILL DOUBLE FAB"** S Tel "The funniest & the most heart-warming play for years" D Mir

FORTUNE Box Office & cc 836 2238 24hr cc bkg fee 240 7200 **MARK KINGSTON DOMINIC LETTS** Susan Hill's
THE WOMAN IN BLACK
'A BRILLIANTLY EFFECTIVE SPINE CHILLER' Gdn Adapted by Stephen Mallatratt **'CHILLING'** Ind **'GRIPPING'** FT **'FIRST RATE'** Ind OVER 200 PERFORMANCES! Eves 8 Mats Tues 3 Sat 4 Air Conditioned Theatre

GLOBE THEATRE 01 437 3667/741 9999/379 4444. First Call 836 3464 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 Evgs 7.45, Sat Mat 3pm **CAROLE SHELLEY HELEN RYAN** in
LETTICE AND LOVAGE
By **PETER SHAFFER** Dir **MICHAEL BLAKEMORE BEST COMEDY '88** E Std Award Air Conditioned

HER MAJESTY'S Haymarket 839 2244 CC 24hr 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 **ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL**
THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
DAVE WILLETTS JAN HARTLEY MICHAEL MORRIS CORMICK Jill Washington plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 Current Period fully booked to 31 March '90 Queue daily for returns

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL Box Office & cc 930 9832 cc (with bkg fee) 1st Call 24hr 7 day 240 7200 /Open All Hours 379 4444 Now Previewing Press night August 22 at 7.00 pm
JACK LEMMON in MICHAEL GAMBON
VETERANS DAY
A new play by Donald Freed Directed by Kevin Billington Evgs 8.0 Mats: Thurs 3.0 Sat 6.0

LONDON PALLADIUM 01-437 7373 Fully Air Conditioned FIRST CALL 24 hours incl Sundays 01 240 7200 Evgs 7.30 Mats Weds & Sats 2.45 **TOMMY STEELE IN SINGIN' IN THE RAIN** Family Prices: Evgs £8.50 to £18.50 Wed Mats: £3.75 to £8.25 Sat Mats: All Seats £5 & £10

LYRIC Shaftesbury Ave Credit Card bkg only 379 4444 (24 hrs) 741 9999 no bkg fees Groups 930 6123 **ANTHONY NEWLEY STOP THE WORLD I WANT TO GET OFF** Previews from 13 Oct

LYRIC 01-437 3686. cc 437 3686 or (with bkg fee) 741 9999. Mon - Fri 8 pm, Thur Mat 3 pm Sat 5 pm & 8.15 pm **FOR 3 WEEKS ONLY!**
KENNETH BRANAGH EMMA THOMPSON
in John Osborne's classic
LOOK BACK IN ANGER
directed by **JUDI DENCH** for the Renaissance Theatre Company **"Retains a delightful ability to shock"** FT **"VERY FUNNY"** Daily Mail

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01-741 2311 CC 836 3464 £7.50 Previews Mon - Fri 7.45 Sat 4.0 & 7.45 Sheila Hancock in **PRIN** by Andrew Davies

MERMAID 236 5568 cc 379 4444/741 9999 (no bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 **"FIRST CLASS THEATRE"** TOut ALAN DOBIE HILDEGARD NEIL
TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD
BY HARPER LEE Eves 7.30 Mats Wed 2.00 Sat at 3.00pm

NATIONAL THEATRE Box Office & CC 01-928 2252 Grps 01-620 0741 Agencies bkg fee: 01-240 7200 **OLIVIER** Ton't 7.15 Tomor 2.00 & 7.15 **THE SHAUGHRAUN** by Dion Boucicault **LYTTELTON** Ton't 7.45 Tomor 2.15 & 7.45 (last performance) **SPEED-THE-PLOW** The British premiere of a new play by David Mamet. 3.30 ALAN BENNETT TALKS ABOUT HIS CAREER & ANSWERS QUESTIONS. Platform Perfs Ton't 6 pm **DAVID MAMET READS FROM THE PLAY HE IS CURRENTLY WRITING & DISCUSSES HIS WORK** All Tkts £2.50 **COTTESLOE** Ton't 7.30 Tomor 2.30 & 7.30 **FUENTE OVEJUNA** by Lope de Vega in a new version by Adrian Mitchell (some seats now available) **FULLY AIR CONDITIONED**

NEW LONDON Drury Lane WC2 405 0072 CC 404 4079 OPEN ALL HOURS 379 4444. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches Eves 7.45 Tue & Sat 3.00 & 7.45 THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S. ELIOT MUSICAL
CATS
SEATS NOW AVAILABLE FOR EVE PERFS OCT ONWARDS Group Bookings 01 930 6123 or **01 405 1567 NOW BOOKING TO JANUARY 28 1990** Theatre Air Conditioned

OPEN AIR REGENT'S PARK 486 2431 CC 486 1933/379 4444 (24 hours - bkg fee) **THE SWAGGERER** tonight 7.45, Sat 2.30 and 7.45 **EAST OF THE ELEPHANT** today 2.30 Sat 11.00, Sunday Aug 20, 7.45 **CHARITY GALA**

OLD VIC 928 7616 cc (with bkg fee) 240 7200/379 4444/741 9999 Mon-Fri 7.30, Wed mat 2.30, Sat 4.00 & 7.45
A FLEA IN HER EAR
By Georges Feydeau Translated by John Mortimer Directed by Richard Jones **'ABSOLUTELY MAGNIFICENT'** Financial Times **'AN AWARD-WINNER IF EVER I SAW ONE'** Daily Express Air-Conditioned Theatre

PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 24hrs cc 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 Groups 494 1671 **"THE SHOW OF ALL SHOWS"** Newsweek
LES MISERABLES
THE MUSICAL SENSATION Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval **"FIGHT TO GET A TICKET"** LBC **NOW BOOKING TO MARCH '90**

PHOENIX THEATRE WC2 01-836 2294/240 9661 or cc (with bkg fee): 240 7200/741 9999/379 4444 & leading agents **Peter Hall Company in**
THE MERCHANT OF VENICE
by William Shakespeare Eves 7.30, Mats Thu & Sat 2.00 **SOLD-OUT APPLY DAILY FOR RETURNS** Latecomers will not be admitted

PICCADILLY 867 1118 cc 867 1111 (no bkg fee) 379 4444/240 7200 (24hrs)/741 9999 (bkg fee) Grps 240 7941 **"BREATHTAKING - A Spectacle second to none ROUSING and SPELLBINDING"** Time Mag
METROPOLIS
with **"The Brilliant Brian Blessed"** Time Out Eves 8 Mats Wed & Sat at 3 **FULLY AIR CONDITIONED**

PLAYHOUSE BO & CC 839 4401 CC (bkg fee) 836 3464 (24 hrs) 741 4444 Grps 240 7941
LEO McKERN
as
BOSWELL FOR THE DEFENCE
Red price prevs 4/5 Sept Opens 6 Sept 12 wks only

PLAYHOUSE Northumberland Avenue WC2. 01-839 4401 National Youth Theatre present **MARAT/SADE** by Peter Weiss Evgs 8.00. Mats Sat at 3.00 pm Sponsored by Sainsbury's

PRINCE EDWARD 734 8951 First Call 24hr 7 Day 836 2428 (bkg fee) 379 4444 (bkg fee). Grps 930 6123 **ELAINE PAIGE BERNARD CRIBBINS & HOWARD GILLIN** in
ANYTHING GOES
"THE HOTTEST SHOW IN TOWN" Daily Express. **"I LOVED EVERYTHING ABOUT IT"** Daily Mail Choreographed by **MICHAEL SMUIN** Directed by **JERRY ZAKS** Eves 7.30 Mats Thur & Sat 2.30

PRINCE OF WALES Box Office 01 839 5972 CC First Call 24hr 7 Day 836 3464 (bkg fee)/Open All Hours 379 6131 (bkg fee) **"TOPPING ANYTHING ON BROADWAY"** Time Mag
ASPECTS OF LOVE
"ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S BEST" D.Tel Lyrics by DON BLACK & CHARLES HART Directed by TREVOR NUNN Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3.0 Queue daily for returns Strictly no admittance for latecomers Cast Album available on Polydor Records Sept 4 NOW BOOKING APR – SEPT '90

QUEEN'S 734 1166/0261 CC 439 3849/741 9999 (no bkg fee) 240 7200/379 4444 (24hr with bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 Mon-Thu 8.00, Fri & Sat 6.00 & 8.45 "THE WITTIEST ENTERTAINMENT OF THE THEATRE YEAR" Mail on Sunday **ALAN BENNETT PRUNELLA SCALES CLIVE FRANCIS**
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SAVOY 01-836 8888 cc 379 6219 cc (bkg fee) 240 7200 (no bkg fee) 741 9999/379 4444. Group Sales 930 6123. Eves 8pm. Thu & Sat Mats 3pm **DONALD SINDEN JUNE WHITFIELD FRANK MIDDLEMASS**
OVER MY DEAD BODY
"The audience laughed so much that they nearly did themselves a mischief" D.Express **FINAL PERFS TODAY & TOMOR**

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D'OYLY CARTE OPERA COMPANY
THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE in repertoire with **THE MIKADO** Evgs 7.30 Mats Weds & Sat 2.30

SHAFTESBURY Box Office & cc 379 5399 CC (bkg fee) 379 4444/240 7200/741 9999 Eves 8 Mats Wed & Sat 3 (Until 26 Aug) **"THE POWER PLAY OF THE YEAR"** Std
ANTHONY HOPKINS
in
M. BUTTERFLY
by David Henry Hwang Directed by John Dexter **"QUITE BRILLIANT"** Star Theatre Air Conditioned **NOW BOOKING TO 14 OCT! New perf times from 28 Aug Eves 8.00, Fri & Sat 5.00 & 8.15**

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THE MOUSETRAP

STRAND 240 3961 or 240 3912. CC 24hr 7 day 379 4444/240 7200/741 9999 (bkg fee). Group Sales 930 6123 **PAUL SCOFIELD ALEC McCOWEN** and **EILEEN ATKINS**
EXCLUSIVE
BY JEFFREY ARCHER Directed by **MICHAEL RUDMAN** Eves 7.30 Thu mat 3 Sat 4.30 & 8 Previews from September 7

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STRAND WC2 B.O & cc 01 836 2660/4143/5190. CC (no bkg fee) 379 4444. (Bkg fee) 240 7200 **BRUCE MONTAGUE** "...Beautifully funny..." Gdn. **DEBBIE ARNOLD** "...Deliciously spaced-out..." Ind. **JUDY BUXTON** "...would send most men whimpering into corners..." E. Std **JOSEPHINE TEWSON** "...Hilariously, grim-faced..." Indep. in "...this snappy, crisply acted revival..." D.Mail of **NEIL SIMON'S** scorching comedy
LAST OF THE RED HOT LOVERS
Tues-Fri 7.30pm. Thurs mat 3pm. Sat 4.30 & 8pm. Sundays 4pm **MUST END 2 SEPT - BOOK NOW!**

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"A BRILLIANT PLAY" Guardian **OVER 300 PERFORMANCES** Opening here Sept 19 **MAUREEN LIPMAN** in
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FOR 16 WEEKS ONLY BOOK NOW!

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The Buddy Holly Story A NEW MUSICAL **OPENS OCTOBER 12th AT 7.00** Red Price Prevs from Oct 5 ADVANCE BOX OFFICE NOW OPEN. Mon-Thurs 8.00 Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.30 ALL SEATS ½ PRICE FRIDAYS 5.30 PERF

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AN IDEAL HUSBAND
"ELEGANT & SINISTER" S.Tel Mon-Sat 7.45pm. Mats Wed, Sat 3pm. MONDAY PERFS: 2 TKTS FOR THE PRICE OF 1!

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LONDON'S LONGEST RUNNING COMEDY Written and directed by **RAY COONEY** Over 2,800 side-splitting perfs **"SHOULD RUN FOR LIFE"** S. Ex

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JEREMY BRETT EDWARD HARDWICKE
in
THE SECRET OF SHERLOCK HOLMES
by Jeremy Paul **"The best Holmes and Watson I have ever seen"** Sunday Express **"Both performances are of a high brilliance"** Times Lit Supplement Directed by Patrick Garland Mon-Fri 8.00 Sats 5.30 & 8.30 Mats Wed 3.00 **Ends Sept 16 prior to National Tour**

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CINEMAS

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CHELSEA CINEMA Kings Road SW3 351 3742 **Ettore Scola's SPLENDOR** (PG) Starring Marcello Mastroianni. Progs 1.30 3.50 6.15 8.45

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● One day, technology will be sufficiently advanced for viewers to beam themselves into their television sets and experience the world of *Neighbours* or *Brookside* at first hand. Until then, however, they will have to make do with **Murder Weekend** (ITV, 8.00pm), a new concept in interactive teledrama. "This is your chance to become an armchair detective," says Michael Aspel, whose presence unfairly raises hopes that he will turn out to be the first victim. Aspel introduces the first of five episodes which will be screened over the next three days; the second is at 10.35pm tonight. The proceedings kick off with the wedding of Tom and Camella, which yields the first corpse. Then 24 guests



Michael Aspel: invites the viewer to be an armchair detective (ITV, 8.00pm)

mill cluelessly around a Hampshire manor house as the various character actors go through their paces. There are squabbles, threats, and everyone turns out to have a motive. Viewers who reckon they have solved the crime are invited to phone in on Saturday night and put themselves up for selection to attend Sunday's grand unmasking at the television studios. *Murder Weekend*, with its extended improvisation, is a cross between *cinéma-vérité* and a Mike Leigh play; the hand-held camerawork and makeshift lighting give it an air of a raw documentary on the subject of, for example, Agatha Christie's influence on British leisure pursuits. Weird as it is, it is is not half so surreal as the Murder Weekend I once attended in Harrogate, where my companion, (who, for reasons too complicated to explain here, was dressed as Don Johnson) got carried away and threatened to use his toy gun to force a premature confession out of the Number One Suspect. The actor stood his ground, and the crime was later solved by a precocious 12-year-old brat in a deerstalker.

● **Empty Nest** (Channel 4, 9.00pm) is yet another sitcom import from the United States, and once again it is effortlessly superior to the British product. This latest one is the creation of Susan Harris, who was also responsible for *Soap* and *The Golden Girls*, and it features the versatile Richard Mulligan (who played Burt Campbell in *Soap*) as a paediatrician who, 18 months after the death of his wife, is still trying to come to terms with living alone. Though he shares screen time with his two grown-up daughters, sick children, a dog, and actors with names like *David Leisure* and Park Overall, it's Mulligan's show all the way.

BBC 1

6.00 **Ceefax AM.** News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins
6.30 **The Flintstones** in *Adobe Dick* (r) **6.55** **Weather**
7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Chris Lowe and Mike Smartt. Includes national and international *news at* **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27**
8.55 Regional news and weather
9.00 **News and weather**
9.05 **But First This . . .** Children's entertainment beginning with **Muppet Babies** (r) **9.25** **Hartbeat.** Tony Hart's guide to better picture making. *With Margot Wilson and Joanna Kirk* (r). (Ceefax)
10.00 **News** and weather followed by **Gentle Ben.** *Outdoor adventures of a young man with a pet bear* (r). (Ceefax) **10.30** **Playbus** **10.55** **Five to Eleven** with pupils from Moor Park High School, Preston
11.00 **News** and weather followed by **Woody Woodpecker Double Bill** (r) **11.15** **The O Zone.** Pop music magazine series presented by Andy Crane **11.25** **Superman** starring **George Reeves.** The Man of Steel's armour is pierced when he falls for a woman he meets at a police station **11.50** **Bananaman** (r)
12.00 **News** and weather followed by **The Garden Party** hosted by Eamonn Holmes and Paul Coia. Includes a discussion *on making football* matches safer to attend and less rowdy, between spokesmen for the players, clubs and supporters **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Philip Hayton. Weather **1.30** **Neighbours.** Madge and Harold plight their troth, despite Mrs Mangel's last ditch effort to persuade Harold to think again. (Ceefax)
1.50 **Eureka Stockade.** The second and final part of the Australian drama about the 1854 gold miners' strike and, faced with *reprisals from the* authorities and pressure from the church, the men decide to build a stockade and wait for the inevitable confrontation (r)
3.30 **The Flintstones** in *The Hit-Songwriters* (r) **3.55** **Cartoon Double Bill** featuring Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck **4.10** **The Puppy's Further Adventures** (r) **4.35** **Waterfront Revisited.** Highlights *from the On the Waterfront* children's series (r)
5.00 **Newsround** **5.05** **The Lowdown.** *Would-be thespians, Happy Savage* from Liverpool and Denise Hewett from Cardiff, take a whirlwind tour of the acting profession, soaking up advice from their favourite stars (r). (Ceefax)
5.35 **Neighbours** (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Philip Hayton and Jill Dando. Weather
6.30 **Newsroom South East**
7.00 **Wogan with Ben Elton.** The *guests are Vinny Jones, Paula Yates* and the Eurythmics
7.30 **Film: For Pete's Sake** (1974) starring Barbra Streisand and Michael Sarrazin. Comedy about an impecunious New York couple who resort to a loan shark to ease their financial crisis. To service the debt the wife turns to underhand tactics that lead her to become a member of an underworld gang. Directed by Peter Yates. (Ceefax)
9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and weather
9.30 **Fortunes of War.** *Episode five of* the seven-part adaptation of Elizabeth Manning's novels. It is *April 1941 and Guy and Harriet* escape from Greece as German troops invade the country (r). (Ceefax)
10.30 **Omnibus at the Proms.** The London Philharmonic, conducted by Kurt Masur, in a performance of Beethoven's Choral Symphony, with *the London Philharmonic Choir* and the BBC Symphony Chorus. The soloists are Mechthild Gessendorf (soprano); Hanna Schwarz (mezzo-soprano); Anthony Rolfe Johnson (tenor); and David Wilson-Johnson (bass)
11.50 **Film: The Long Weekend** (1978) *starring John Hargreaves and* Briony Behets. Drama about a couple who decide to try and save their *rocky marriage by spending a* weekend in a remote beach area. When they unwittingly impose their modern lifestyle on their new surroundings nature fights back, turning the weekend into a desperate fight for survival. Directed by Colin Eggleston
1.25am **Weather**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 **TV-am** begins with News and The *Morning Programme introduced by* Lorraine Kelly; **7.00** **News** followed by **Good Morning Britain** presented by Richard Keys and Kathy Tayler; **8.00** **News**; **8.50** **Wacaday** for the young, with Timmy Mallett and Michaela Strachan
9.25 **He-Man and the Masters of the Universe** (r) **9.50** **Thames news** and weather **9.55** **Inspector Gadget** (r)
10.25 **Short Story Theatre: The House on Front Street.** An old knifegrinder's way of life is threatened when the *local council plans to take over the* disused garage that is his home **10.55** **News** headlines
11.00 **Home and Away.** Bratt is a hit with Celia, who asks Roo if there is a *chance that they will marry* **11.25** **Just For the Record** includes the world's tallest policeman **11.55** *Thames news and weather*
12.00 **Who's Next?** **12.10** **Rainbow** (r) **12.30** **Take the High Road.** Effie *and Carol dream up a money-making scheme*
1.00 **News at One** with John Suchet. Weather **1.20** **Thames news** and weather
1.30 **Dining in France.** Pierre Salinger tours Remy Martin and discovers how they make Cognac; and then tastes some mouth-watering sweets (r) **2.00** **The Bill** (r)
3.00 **Connections.** Quiz game show **3.25** **Thames news** and weather **3.30** **Sons and Daughters**
4.00 **Bangers & Mash.** Animated *adventures of a pair of chimps* **4.05** **Stanley Bagshaw** (r) **4.20** **Scooby Doo**
4.45 *Go Getters* — **the Anchor Challenge.** The fourth day of competition and the three teams are challenged to photograph a new-born animal; collect fresh spring water; and take part in a live television or radio programme.
5.10 **Home and Away** (r)
5.40 **News** with Fiona Armstrong. Weather **5.55** **LWT News**
6.15 **Police 5.** Shaw Taylor with clues *to unsolved crime in the London area*
6.30 **City Safari.** Ecologist Malcolm Coe explains how city wastelands *are being colonized by colourful* plants, insects and birds (r)
7.00 **Ticket to Ride.** Comedy series starring Christopher Cazenove and Margaret Whitton as bickering co-hosts of a television travel show. Tonight they are in Madrid, where Michael finds himself at the mercy of a sinister dentist after breaking a tooth on a sweet. With David Rappaport. (Oracle)
8.00 *Murder Weekend (see Choice)*
8.30 **Tales of the Unexpected: Completely Foolproof** starring Telly Savalas *and* Rita Gam. *The* story of a ruthless businessman, his mistress and his scheming wife who plans to get her hands on his millions (r). (Oracle)
9.00 **After the War.** When Rachel arrives back in England, Michael escapes to the set of his latest *film where the leading lady tries to* seduce him. Does she succeed? And if she does will Rachel learn of *the infidelity? Starring Adrian* Lukis and Clare Higgins. (Oracle)
10.00 **News at Ten** with Sandy Gall and Trevor McDonald. Weather **10.30** **LWT News** and weather
10.35 **Murder Weekend.** Michael Aspel with the second of five programmes of clues
11.05 **1st Exposure.** At the Hackney Empire, Arthur Smith introduces the Aloha Dancers, David Baddiel, the Butter Mountain Boys and Kevin Seisay
11.35 **Where There's a Will** starring *Patrick Macnee and Louan Gideon.* American heiress Cavatina is besotted by a lawyer, Rupert, one of *her employees. When they are in* London, Rupert is suddenly called down to the West Country where his father is dying. Cavatina follows, convinced that Rupert is seeing another woman. With Michael Howe and Amanda Burton
12.35am **Married . . . With Children.** American domestic comedy series
1.00 **The James Whale Radio Show.** More acerbic comment from the *abusive chat show host*
2.00 **The Fugitive.** While working at a country club, Kimble falls for a singer who plans to make him take the blame for a murder.
3.00 **The Yellow Rose.** Chance is reunited with the mother he never knew. Starring Sam Elliott and, this week, Jane Russell
4.00 **US Baseball.** Boston v Cleveland
5.00 **ITN Morning News.** Ends at **6.00**

BBC 2

6.55 **Open University:** A Question of *Balance.* Ends **7.20.** **9.00** *Ceefax*
9.55 **Three Days One Summer.** Bill Tidy visits Sussex Cricket Club in Hove (r) **10.25** **Education Showcase** (r)
10.50 **Film: The French Line** (1955) starring Jane Russell and Gilbert Roland. The musical tale of an oil heiress who decides to go to France incognito after discovering that all her suitors were after her money. Directed by Lloyd Bacon
12.30 **Education Showcase** (r) **1.20** **Postman Pat** (r) **1.35** **The People's Court** (r)
2.00 **News** and weather followed by **Weekend Outlook** (r) **2.05** **Peter Ustinov's Russia** (r)
3.00 **News** and weather followed by **The European Show Jumping Championships** from Rotterdam includes news, regional news and weather at **3.50**
4.30 **Southern Drift.** The growth of the Kent coalfields (r)
5.00 **Big Water, Rough Ride.** Richard Vaughan joins the Cowes to Torquay powerboat race last August (r)
5.30 **Maureen Hegarty in Concert** (r)
6.00 **Film: Come on George** (1939, b/w) starring George Formby as an ice-cream seller who dreams of being a jockey. Directed by Anthony Kimmins
7.30 **Open Space: Wake Up, Slop Out, Banged Away Again.** An *examination of Britain's* deepening remand crisis
8.00 **Goodbye Wallington.** Why Carol and *Andrew Phillips left the over-*crowded south-east for the wide-open spaces of the south-west (r). (London only: see variations for other regions' programmes)
8.30 **Gardeners' World** from Barnsdale. Includes news of a new clematis on sale this month
9.00 **The Godfather.** Episode four of the five-part drama (r). (Ceefax)
10.20 **10 x 10: Vino Expresso.** Italians living in London hunt for the grapes to make chianti (r)
10.30 **Newsnight** **11.15** **Weather**
11.20 **Edinburgh Nights.** *The French* circus act Archaos
12.00 **The Jack Benny Show** (b/w) with guests Dennis *Day and Don Wilson*
12.25am **The Honeymooners** (b/w) starring Jackie Gleason and Art Carney. Ends at **12.55**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 **The Channel Four Daily**
9.25 **Wales:** *Landscape and Legend* (r) **10.00** **The Living Body.** Part 18 — puberty **10.30** **Making the Most of . . .** (r)
11.00 **The Peter Quarry Show.** The Australian psychiatrist discusses ethics and morals **11.30** **Ourselves and Other Animals.** *Human and animal courting* rituals (r)
12.00 **Fifteen-to-One** (r) **12.30** **Business Daily.** **1.00** **Sesame Street** (r)
2.00 **The Grand Prix Car 1945—1965.** This first of three programmes about post-war Grand Prix racing cars focuses on Italian models (r)
2.30 **Channel 4 Racing from Sandown Park.** Derek Thompson introduces *live coverage of the* **2.35, 3.10, 3.40** and **4.10** races
4.30 **Countdown**
5.00 **The Beverly Hillbillies** (b/w)
5.30 **Women Writers.** A profile of science fiction writer Anne McCaffrey (r). (Oracle)
6.00 **Wagon Train** (b/w). Vintage Western adventures
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Nicholas Owen and Zeinab Badawi. **Weather**
7.55 **Book Choice.** Maya Slater reviews the revised edition of George Painter's biography of Marcel Proust. (Oracle)
8.00 **A Day at the Races.** Frank Cvitanovich's documentary profile of Yorkshire National Hunt trainer Trevor Kersey (r)
9.00 **Empty Nest** (see Choice)
9.30 *In Search of the Wild Asparagus.* In this first of a series on Britain's wild flowers and weeds Roy *Lancaster takes a trip on the* Watercress Line, by Watership Down (r). (Oracle)
10.00 **The Golden Girls.** Comedy series. (Oracle)
10.30 **The Oprah Winfrey Show** with families of Alzheimer's Disease victims (r)
11.20 **Twilight Zone: The Monsters Are Due on Maple Street** (b/w). A tale of the supernatural
11.50 **Film: The Monster From Green Hell** (1957, b/w). Scientists are lured to darkest Africa with news of *homicidal wasps. Directed by* Kenneth Crane
1.10am **Four on the Floor.** Canadian comedy. Ends at **1.40**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

5.30am European Business Channel **8.00** The DJ Kat Show **8.30** Panel Pot Pourri **10.00** The Sullivans **10.30** Sky by Day: with guests Richard Whitmore and Bernie Winters **11.30** A Problem Shared **12.00** Another World **12.55pm** *General Hospital*
1.50 As The World Turns **2.45** Loving **3.15** The Lucy Show **3.45** *Sylvanians* **4.00** *Countdown* **5.00** The Young Doctors **5.30** Three's Company **6.00** Sky Star Search **7.00** Sale of the *Century* **7.30** Bros Inside Out **8.30** Film: Figures in a Landscape **10.30** Jameson Tonight: with guests, actress Peggy Mount, and actor Buster Merryfield **11.30** Welcome Home Vietnam

SKY NEWS

6.00am Sky News **6.30** European Business Channel **11.30** Our World – Modern Brides **12.30pm** NBC Today **1.30** NBC Today **2.30** Beyond 2000 **3.30** BMTV Good Health **4.30** Our World **5.00** Live at Five **6.30** Beyond 2000 **7.30** The Reporters: suing the tobacco industry
8.30 The Frank Bough Interview **9.30** Newsline **10.30** The Reporters **11.30** NBC Nightly News **12.30am** *The Frank Bough* Interview **1.30** Newsline **2.30** The Reporters **3.30** The Frank *Bough Interview* **4.30** *Newsline* **5.30** Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES

2.00pm ***The Pirate Movie*** (1982): Musical update of "The Pirates of Penzance"
4.00 **The** ***Flight of Dragons***: Epic fantasy cartoon
6.00 **Beach Blanket Bingo** (1965): Starring *Frankie Avalon and Linda* Evans
8.00 **Dirty Dancing** (1987): Starring Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey
10.00 **The Holcroft Covenant** (1985): Fight for a Nazi monetary legacy, starring Michael Caine
12.00 **Psych-Out** (1968): Story of a deaf *runaway in* 1960s San Francisco
1.25am **Prizzi's Honour** (1985): Starring Jack Nicholson and *Kathleen Turner*
4.00 **Dirty Dancing** (1987): (see **8.00pm**)

EUROSPORT

10.30am European Championships **11.30** Mobil Motor Sport News **12.00** Surfer Magazine **12.30pm** British Open Horse Trials **1.30** World Cup Football **2.30** Australian Rules Football **3.30** Cycling **4.30** Eurosport Programme Menu **5.00** Baseball
6.00 European Championships **7.00** Australian Rugby League **8.00** *European Showjumping* **9.00** Athletics from West Berlin **10.00** Cycling **11.00** European Championships

MTV

6.00am Kristiane Backer **11.00** *Remote Control* **11.30** Kristiane Backer **2.00pm** Yo! Mix **2.30** Marcel Vanthilt **4.00** The Coca-Cola Report **4.15** 3 from 1 **5.30** *Club MTV* **6.00** *MTV at the Movies* **6.30** Remote Control **7.00** XPO **8.00** Yo! **8.30** Ray Cokes **9.45** The Coca-Cola Report **10.00** MTV at the Movies **10.30** Marcel Vanthilt **11.00** MTV Erotica **12.00** Club MTV **12.30am** Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

7.00am Athletics **7.30** Inside The PGA **8.00** Motorsport **9.00** Wide World of Sports **10.00** Golf **1.30pm** Tennis **3.00** Athletics **3.30** Baseball **6.00** Rallycross **7.00** Powersports **8.00** Showjumping **9.00** Motorsport **9.30** Inside The PGA **10.00** Tennis **12.00** Motorsport

LIFESTYLE

10.00am It Figures **10.25** Travelview Tips **10.30** Wok With Yan **11.00** Coffee Break **11.05** The Edge of Night **11.30** The Great American Gameshows **12.45pm** Sally Jessy Raphael **1.30** Star Time **1.35** Young Ramsay **2.25** Search for Tomorrow **2.50** The Vet **3.00** The Rogues **4.00** Monty Nash **4.30** Lifestyle Plus **4.40** The Great American Gameshows

VARIATIONS

BBC1 **WALES: 6.30pm-7.00** Wales Today **1.25am-1.30** News and weather **SCOTLAND: 6.30pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **10.30** Friday Sportscene **11.00** The Beechgrove Garden **11.30** Omnibus at the Proms **12.35am** The Rockford Files **1.25** Weather **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm** Sportswide **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.30** Neighbours **6.55-7.00** Inside Ulster Update ***ENGLAND:*** **6.30pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

BBC2 **WALES: 10.50am-12.30pm** Outdoor Bowls **3.00-4.30** *Outdoor Bowls and Show* Jumping **8.00-8.30** Outdoor Bowls **SCOTLAND: 8.00pm-8.30** Catchword **NORTHERN IRELAND 8.00pm-8.30** 7 Bands on the Up **ENGLAND: 8.00pm-8.30** *East:* Patrick; *Midlands:* The Mini; *North:* Hairs and Graces; *North-east:* Coastal Fishing; *North-west:* Now! the Summer of 89; *South:* Struggle of the *Super Boats; South-west: Hard to Swallow; West:* A Summer Journey

ANGLIA As London except: **1.20pm** Anglia News and Weather **1.30** Gardens for All **2.00-3.00** A Country Practice **5.10** About Anglia Xtra **6.00** About Anglia **6.30-7.00** Home and Away **11.05** Grounds for Concern **11.35-1.00am** Film: Night Slaves **2.00** *The Dead of Night: Symptoms* **3.40-4.00** The Twilight Zone.

BORDER As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Spectacular World of Guinness Records **1.20** Border News **1.30** Gardening Time **2.00-3.00** A Country Practice **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00** Lookaround Friday **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **11.05-1.00am** *Film: Resurrection* **2.00** *The Time* Tunnel **3.00** Night Beat **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

CENTRAL As London except: **1.20pm** Central News **1.30-2.00** Heart of the Country **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **5.10-5.40** Star Collectors **6.00** Central News **6.35-7.00** Home and Away **11.05** Grounds for Concern **11.35** Alfred *Hitchcock Presents* **12.05-1.00am** *Crime Story* **2.00** Film: The Pom Pom Girls **3.45** Roberta Flack **4.45-5.00** Magic, Magic.

CHANNEL As London except: **1.20pm** Channel News **1.30** All Our Yesterdays **2.00** Donahue **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00** Channel News **6.20** Weekend Diary **6.30-7.00** That's *Gardening!* **11.05** *The Lawman* **12.50am** Cinemattractions **1.20** America's Top 10 **1.50** Kojak **2.50** American Motorsport **4.20** Crazy About The Movies **4.50-5.00** Fun in the Sun.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** It's A Dog's Life **1.20** Grampian Headlines **1.30** Gardening Time **2.00-3.00** Silk Road **5.55** *North Tonight* **6.30-7.00** Country Matters **11.35** Crime Story **12.35am-1.50** On the Live Side **2.00** Time Tunnel **3.00** Night Beat **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm** Granada Reports **2.00-3.00** Falcon Crest **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **5.55** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** Kick Off **11.05-1.00am** Film: *Resurrection* **2.00** *The Time Tunnel* **3.00** *Night Beat* **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm** HTV News **1.30-3.00** Film: Green Grow the Rushes **6.30-7.00** Problems **11.05** The Best Club In The World **11.35** Kojak **12.30am-1.00** Cinemattractions **2.00** Film: Honeysuckle Rose **4.10** *Supercross* **4.40-5.00** *Jobfinder.*

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **5.55-7.00pm** Wales at Six **11.05-11.35** Freestyle Skiing.

SCOTTISH As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Heart *is Highland* **1.20** Scotland Today **1.30-3.00** Film: Miranda **6.00** Scotland Today **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **10.35** Scotsport Extra Time **11.05** Murder Weekend **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.35am-1.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **2.00** The Time Tunnel **3.00** Night Beat **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

TSW As London except: **1.20pm** TSW News **1.30** The Sullivans **2.00** Donahue **2.55-3.00** The Doctor — Douglas Diggle **6.00** TSW Today **6.30-7.00** Gardens for All **11.05-1.00am** Film: Resurrection **2.00** The Time Tunnel **3.00** Nightbeat **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

TVS As London except: **1.20pm** TVS News **1.30** All Our Yesterdays **2.00-3.00** Donahue **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** That's Gardening! **11.05** Film: *Lawman* **12.50am** Cinemattractions **1.20** America's Top 10 **1.50** Kojak **2.50** American Motorsport **4.20-5.00** Crazy About the *Movies.*

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Take My Life **5.55-7.00** Northern Life **11.05** 55 North **11.35-1.00am** Film: Paratroopers **2.00** The Time Tunnel **3.00** The Power Hour **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm** Ulster Newstime **1.30** *Gardening Time* **2.00-3.00** The Fall Guy **6.00** Six Tonight **6.30-7.00** GCSE — What Next **11.05** Witness **11.10-1.00am** Film: Resurrection **2.00** The Time Tunnel **3.00** Night Beat **4.00-5.00** Route 66.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **1.20pm** Calendar News **1.25** Help *Yourself* **1.30-3.00** Film: Swing Fever **3.30-4.00** A Country Practice **6.00** Calendar **6.30** What's On **6.40-7.00** Hollywood Sports **11.05-1.00am** Film: Lost and Found **2.00** Batman **2.30** Sledge Hammer! **3.00** Music Box **4.00** Cover Story **4.30-5.00** Across the Main Divide.

S4C Starts: **6.00am** C4 Daily **9.25** Sesame Street **10.25** Film: Abbot and Costello Meet Frankenstein **12.00** Wales: Landscapes and Legend **12.30pm** Newyddion **12.35** Briwsion **1.00** Village Show **1.30** Business Daily **2.00** Durrell in Russia **2.30** Racing **4.30** Countdown **5.00** Xerxes **5.30** Go Fishing **6.00** Newyddion **6.15** Enfys Africa **6.40** Penawde **7.00** Campeto **7.30** Newydd Bob Nos **8.00** Newyddion **8.55** *Mae'n Hollol Saff Bod Yn Ffrind* **9.00** Beauty, Bonny, Daisy, Violet, Grace and Geoffrey **10.00** Roseanne **10.30** The Oprah Winfrey Show **11.20** The Twilight Zone **11.50** Film: The Monster From Green Hell **1.10am** Four on the Floor **1.40** **Close**

RTE 1 Starts: **11.55am** RTE News **12.00** Sky News **12.30pm** NBC Today **1.00** Sky News **1.30** NBC Today **2.00** Sky News **2.30** Noah's Ark **3.00** News followed by The Pallisers **3.55** Masterworks **4.10** Sons and Daughters **4.30** Men of Destiny **4.35** The Stars Look Down **5.30** *The Sullivans* **6.00** *The Angelus* **6.01** News **6.30** The Lucy Show **7.00** Video File **7.30** Room Outside **8.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** News **9.20** Bergerac **10.15** Film: Woodstock **1.30am** News **1.35** Close.

NETWORK 2 Starts: **3.05pm** Bosco **3.35** The Magic Pencil **3.45** Around the *World with Willy Fog* **4.10** *Top Cat* **4.35** *Return to* Treasure Island **5.05** Danger Bay **5.30** Lassie **5.55** Death Valley Days **6.25** Home and Away **6.55** Nuacht **7.00** Who's the Boss? **7.30** Cover Story (Bob Hope) **8.00** News followed by I Live Here **9.00** Frank's Place **9.30** News followed by Cafe Nica **10.20** Showjumping from Millstreet **11.10** Cycling **12.10am** Close.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW**
News on the half-hour from **5.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00**
5.00am Adrian John **6.30** Bruno Brookes with Liz Kershaw **9.30** *Mike Read* **10.30** *Around* The World with Simon Bates **11.00** Radio 1 Roadshow **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Singled Out with Mike Read **7.00** *Jeff Young* **9.00** *In* Concert **10.00** The Friday Rock Show **12.00** The Mary *Whitehouse Experience* **12.30-2.00am** The Ranking Miss P

RADIO 2

FM Stereo and **MW**
News on the hour (except **8.00pm**). Headlines **5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30**
4.00am Alex Lester **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** Dora Bryan **2.05** Katie Boyle **3.30** Gerald Harper **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Fred Astaire **7.30** Jerry Goldsmith in Concert, incl **8.20-8.40** Interval **9.30** The Organist Entertains **10.00** The Golden Years **10.30** Star Terk II **11.00** Alan Titchmarsh **1.00am** Jean Challis **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. Add an hour for BST. **5.00am** World News: 24 Hours **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** *Meridian* **7.00** News **7.09** 24 Hours: News Summary and Financial News **7.30** Hurrah for Revolution! **8.00** News **8.09** Words of Faith **8.15** Music Review **9.00** News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Financial News: Sports Roundup **9.45** Seven Seas **10.01** Focus on Faith **10.30** Londres *Midi* **11.00** News **11.09** News about Britain **11.15** Profile **11.30** Meridian **12.00** Newsreel **12.15pm** *Hurrah for Revolution!* **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** 24 Hours: News Summary and Financial News **1.30** John *Peel* **2.00** *World News: Outlook* **2.30** Off the Shelf **2.45** Nature Now **3.00** Newsreel **3.15** BBC English **3.30** Heute Aktuell **4.00** News **4.09** News about Britain **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Londres *Soir* **5.15** The World Today **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** Kaleidoskop **6.30** Aus der kommunistischen Welt **6.54** Nachrichten **7.00** Proms '89 **7.30** *Financial* News **7.31** Network UK **7.45** Here's Humph! **8.00** News **8.09** The World Today **8.25** *Words of Faith* **8.30** Science in Action **9.01** Sports Roundup **9.15** Stuart Colman's Record Hop **9.30** The Queen's Parliament **10.00** *Newshour* **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** From the Weeklies **11.30** Multitrack 3 **12.00** Newsdesk **12.30am** Personal View **12.45** Recording of the Week **1.01** *Outlook* **1.25** Financial News **1.30** Good as New **1.50** New Ideas **2.00** News **2.09** Review of the British Press **2.15** *Newsreel* **2.30** The Queen's Parliament **3.00** News **3.09** News about Britain **3.15** Network UK **3.30** The World Today **3.45** Nachrichten und Presseschau **4.00** Aus der kommunistischen Welt **4.37** Nachrichten **4.45** News Summary **4.55** Financial News

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Nielsen (Pan and Syrinx, Op 49: SNO under Gibson); Sibelius (Pan and Echo, Op 53: Gothenburg SO under Neeme Järvi); Tchaikovsky (Festival Overture on the Danish National Anthem: London Symphony Orchestra under Geoffrey Simon)
7.30 News
7.35am Morning Concert (cont): Nielsen (Helios Overture, Op 17: Swedish RSO under Esa Pekka Salonen); Bruch (Swedish Dances, Op 63: Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur); Busoni (Finnish Folk Songs: Eric Tawaststjerna and Hui-Ying Liu, piano duet)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Berwald and Gade. Berwald (Symphonie capricieuse [1842]: Gothenburg SO under Neeme Järvi); Gade (Oluf's Ballade "The Fairy Spell": Royal Danish Orchestra under Mogens *Wöldike*, Aksel Schiøtz, tenor); String Quartet in D, Op 63 [1888]: Copenhagen Quartet)
9.35 Midsummer Serenade: Music for midsummer, *including Mendelssohn's* incidental music to "A *Midsummer Night's Dream"; Barry Douglas* performs two of Chopin's Scherzi; the Budapest Wind *Ensemble performs* Mozart's E flat Serenade, K 375; and Richard Stoltzman and Richard Goode perform Brahms's Clarinet Sonata, Op 120 No 2
12.10pm Bournemouth Sinfonietta: Under Jean-*Bernard Pommier performs* Beethoven (Ah! Perfido, Op 65); Mozart (Ch'oi mi scordi di te?, *K 505*); *Haydn* (Symphony No 99)
1.00 News
1.05 Bohemian Concertos: The Langham Chamber Orchestra under Nichols Cleobury performs Benda (Concerto in G minor); Martinu (Divertimento for piano [left hand] and small orchestra) (first performance of original version)
1.55 Bach: Cellist Ralph Kirshbaum performs Suite No 2 in D minor (r)
2.20 Raphael Ensemble: Brahms (*Sextet No 1 in B flat*, Op 18); Simon Bainbridge (Sextet) (first broadcast); Schoenberg (*Verklärte Nacht*)
3.50 Youth Orchestras of the World: The Kent County Youth Orchestra under Martin Handley, Allan Schiller, piano, performs Strauss (Till Eulenspiegels lustige Streiche); Mozart (Piano Concerto No 23 in A, K 488); Rachmaninov (The Bells, sung in English: Kent County Singers, Susan Bullock, soprano, Martyn Hill, tenor, Phillip Guy-Bromley, bass)
5.15 The English Voluntary: Music by William Croft, Maurice Green, William Walond, John Bennett and Thomas Dupuis is played by the organist John Toll at Armitage Parish Church, Staffordshire, in the third programme of 18th-century organ music
5.45 The Biggest Little Band: Geoffrey Smith examines the rise and subsequent decline of the black orchestra led *by the bass* player John Kirby, in the second of two programmes
6.15 From Pétain to *Pompidou:* Richard Mayne presents six programmes of French cabaret songs. With *Petula* Clark, Léo Ferré, Mireille Mathieu, Catherine Sauvage, Serge Gainsbourg, Les Charlots and Jacques Brel. 5: Crossing the Border
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear at the Proms: The *enigmatic Estonian* composer Arvo Pärt, whose Third Symphony is featured this evening, *is discussed* by Nicholas Kenyon, with Susan Bradshaw and Lisa Wilson
7.30 Proms 1989: Live from the Royal Albert Hall, London. The Gothenburg Symphony Orchestra under Neeme Järvi, *Cho-Liang Lin*, violin, performs Arvo Pärt (Symphony No 3, first UK *broadcast*); Mendelssohn (Violin Concerto in E minor), incl **8.20** Neeme Järvi talks with *David Nice* **8.40** Sibelius (Symphony No 2 in D)
9.40 The *Friday Play:* First Love by Ivan Turgenev. Translated and dramatized by Joan O'Connor. With Simon Cadell as Vladimir Voldemar, Rosalind Ayres as Zinaida, John Carson as Dr Lushin and Hugh Dickson as Piotr Voldemar. Music for guitar arranged and played by Eric Hill; John *Fraser*, piano (r)
1.05 Composers of the Week: Handel — The 1730s (r)
12.05am *News*
12.10 Close

RADIO 4

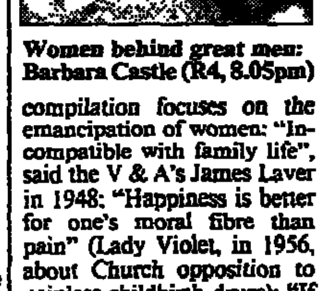
LW (s) Stereo on **FM**
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News. **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.42** Zuleika Dobson by Max Beerbohm **8.57** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: With Sue Lawley and the Most Rev Trevor Huddleston (s) (r)
9.45 Feedback: Chris Dunkley airs listeners' letters and comments on BBC programmes and policy
10.00 News; Special Assignment with BBC correspondents at home and abroad
10.30 Morning Story: Feuille d'album by *Katherine* Mansfield
10.45 Daily Service from Dornoch *Cathedral, Sutherland*
11.00 News: After Dread and Anger: People of African *ancestry describe their* experience of life in Britain in the fourth of six *documentaries. Presented* by Ferdi Dennis (r)
11.47 Enquire Within: Dilly Barlow *on the trail of the village* blacksmith
12.00 You and Yours: The Press *Council's record as a* watchdog of the British Press is defended by *director Kenneth Morgan.* Presented by John Howard
12.30pm The Local Network: *Time Honoured.* Neil Walker and David Clayton investigate where time *comes from* (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One: *Presented by Brian Widlake*
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: From Manchester, Betty Driver tells Helen Boaden how she reached the Rover's Return via the music hall stage; a *report* on Keble College, Oxford, 10 years after women were first admitted; *and* Phil Smith reports on the first vegetarian cookery school
3.00 News; *The True Heart by* Sylvia Townsend Warner. First of a two-part *dramatization by* Doreen Mahon (r)
4.00 News
4.05 Free for All: John Wyatt, former chief ranger of the Lake District National Park, takes us to the North Yorkshire Moors in the first of two visits to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the National Parks of England and Wales
4.30 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
5.00 PM with Frances Coverdale and Robert Williams
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Freewheeling: Susan Marling and Alex Lester spend the day at the traditional seaside resort of Southwold in Suffolk, in the *programme that offers ideas* on what to do in your spare time
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week with *Margaret Howard* (s)
8.05 Questions from the Past: Ludovic Kennedy takes his fourth personal look at 40 years of *Any Questions?* (see Choice)
8.50 Stop Press: Geoffrey Goodman offers his opinions on the week's news and talks to some of the people behind the headlines
9.15 My Time Again: Screaming Lord Sutch resurrects some old parliamentary candidates from the BBC Sound Archives
9.30 Letter From America
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Includes a review of the El Greco exhibition at the National Gallery of Scotland by artist John Bellamy; Jan Farley reports on the Spanish theme at this year's Edinburgh Festival; and an interview with playwright *John Clifford* (s)
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: Episode 3 of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain, abridged and read in 15 episodes by American actress and writer Beth Porter
10.30 The World Tonight
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.35 Little Blighty on the Down: The last of five humorous tales about the eccentricities of life in a small English town (s)
12.00-12.30am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
FM as **LW** except: **1.55-2.00pm** Listening Corner (s) **5.50-5.55** PM (continued)

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. *(London area FM-104.8.)* **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m;909kHz/330m;FM-88-90.2. **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90-92.4. **Radio 4:** 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. *Greater London Radio:* 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; *World Service:* MW 648kHz/463m.

RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

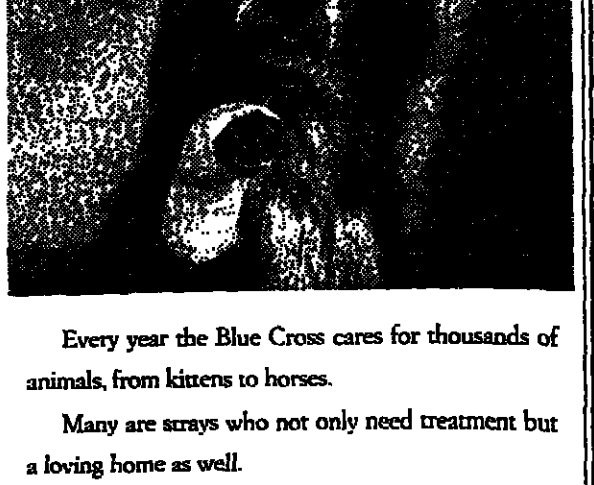
● **Questions from the Past** (Radio 4, 8.05pm), Ludovic Kennedy's compilation of ex*tracts from 40 years of Any Questions?* can be enjoyed on two levels: there is the nostalgic appeal of hearing the voices of departed panellists such as Lord Boothby, Lady Isobel Barnett and Lady Violet Bonham-Carter, and there is the sociological piquancy of hearing how attitudes change as decade succeeds decade. Tonight's



Women behind great men: Barbara Castle (R4, 8.05pm)

compilation focuses on the emancipation of women: "Incompatible with family life", said the V & A's James Laver in 1948: "Happiness is better for one's moral fibre than pain" (Lady Violet, in 1956, about Church *opposition* to painless childbirth drugs); "If only we women had wives, you wouldn't be able to hold us back" (Barbara Castle, 1957, on the women that stand behind great men). Panellists' pre-Thatcher opinions about women in politics ("beastly", said a peer, 1957) now sound positively medieval. Kennedy sees *Any Questions?* as a microcosm of the *wider world. It is a serviceable* description except for the fact that the panellists rarely included the Man in the Street. Whatever happened to the democratic experiment that was tried out a couple of years ago?

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Activists to defy state of emergency in South Africa

From Gavin Bell, Johannesburg

Amid a crescendo of freedom songs, palls of smoke from burning tyres, and the sharp response of tear-gas grenades and mass arrests, thousands of South African blacks and Coloureds (mixed-race) are intensifying what may prove to be the biggest campaign of passive defiance against apartheid since the 1950s.

A broad coalition of political, trade union and church leaders orchestrating the campaign threw down a gauntlet to the Government yesterday by announcing that anti-apartheid organizations and activists would cease to obey banning and restriction orders against them from next weekend.

In effect, it means that more than 800 prominent activists belonging to 17 organizations will court arrest by openly defying severe restrictions placed on their activities under the state of emergency. Mass rallies are planned at universities in Johannesburg and Cape Town on Sunday to launch the initiative.

The courage and resolve of the protesters was apparent at a press conference in a Johannesburg church hall yesterday when representatives of various organizations announced their latest move while wearing T-shirts of the restricted United Democratic Front in violation of the emergency laws. Six plain-clothed policemen observed but did not intervene.

"We are no longer prepared to submit ourselves to racist laws, and through non-violent, direct action we believe we will be able to rid this country of apartheid," an introductory speaker said. Mr Titus Mafolo, a front official, made it clear the civil disobedience was a test of the Government's commitment to constitutional reforms, reaffirmed by Mr F.W. de Klerk who was elected acting President this week.

"From Sunday, all restricted organizations will consider themselves to be free to operate and organize within their constituencies ... any attempt by the Government to act against us will belie F.W. de Klerk's assertion that he is moving away from apartheid towards a South Africa free from racial oppression."

The theme was taken up by Mr Iph Nkwe, an official of the South African Youth Congress: "Justice for all is an empty slogan while the state of emergency is still in force, while hundreds of our people are restricted, while our organizations are banned. We are saying to de Klerk, let him demonstrate his honesty by lifting the restrictions."

The Government has already responded, however, by arresting at least 30 people for defying restriction orders, and warning that more were expected. A spokesman for the Ministry of Law and Order said 25 had appeared in court, and stiff sentences had been imposed in some cases. He said: "Any steps taken in terms of the emergency regulations are solely taken to ensure the safety of the public and the maintenance of law and order."

Mr de Klerk, addressing a campaign rally for next month's general election, indicated the Government would take a tough line on the anti-apartheid movement.

Solidarity boost as Kiszczak resigns

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deputies yesterday watered down phrases, for example changing Warsaw Pact "aggression" to the more innocuous "armed intervention".

The Sejm passed a motion yesterday calling the invasion 21 years ago a serious violation of human and international rights and regretting the Polish part in the operation. It declared: "We wish the democratic forces of Czechoslovakia every success."

In the Solidarity parliamentary caucus yesterday, there were three schools of thought about the premiership. The first, and dominant trend, was that Mr Walesa was the only possible candidate and that he would have to be persuaded to offer himself. If Cardinal Glemp were to appeal to him, he might well change his mind.

A smaller group of deputies believed that another Solidarity figure — Professor Geremek or Mr Tadeusz Mazowiecki — would be more suitable, with Mr Walesa acting as a national mobilizer.

Some Solidarity advisers do not rule out the possibility of a Prime Minister from the Peasants' Party, with Solidarity gaining experience of power from those with experience.

In the theatre, skill and composure

ROS DRINKWATER



A tense moment for Professor Yacoub and the team at Harefield hospital during the twelve-hour operation as the heart struggles to function properly

Heart swap team's medical milestone

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Professor Magdi Yacoub, the pioneering cardiac surgeon, yesterday peformed the 1,000th transplant operation at Harefield Hospital, Middlesex, giving a new heart and new hope to a seriously ill youth, aged 17.

The medical milestone was reached in the early morning in an operation which showed that, in spite of many remarkable advances, heart transplantation still poses daunting difficulties.

Of the one thousand Harefield patients, 677 are still alive. Mr Derrick Morris, now aged 58, of Swansea, is the longest survivor, nine and a half years after his operation. Yesterday Simon Pashley, of Cheadle, Cheshire, joined their ranks, but it was a close-run thing.

His operation, witnessed throughout by *The Times*, should have lasted about three hours, but was beset by unexpected problems. He was in theatre from midnight until midday and long before then Professor Yacoub and his 10 assistants were exhausted.

They needed all their skills and sophisticated technology to persuade the teenager's new heart to take over from the damaged organ. "It should be relatively straightforward," Professor Yacoub had said as the operation began. Two and a half hours later he looked up and shook his head. "The heart is not doing well at all."

Outside the theatre window, the moon would be eclipsed and the sun would rise before the crisis was over.

Simon was born with a potentially fatal condition, hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy, diagnosed when he was aged five. He was a frail child who had to be sent to a special school. He almost died at the age of nine and needed a pacemaker when he was aged 11. He had major surgery, performed by Professor Yacoub, when he was aged 13, but since then the troughs in his condition have gradually outnumbered the peaks.

Mrs Sue Pashley, his mother, recounted them as she sat with him at his hospital bedside late on Wednesday night. "We've almost lost him so many times," she said. Her daughter Emma, aged 13, also has a serious congenital heart defect, and she too may need a transplant.

Simon was put on the waiting list for a new heart in May. On Wednesday, he and his parents were told that a suitable one had become available and he was admitted to the hospital.

A helicopter carrying a transplant team took off from Harefield at 8.30 pm and flew to an unidentified hospital. There, a grieving family had given their consent for the organs of a man with fatal brain injuries to be used for transplantation.

Simon, sleepy and sedated, listened at Harefield for the helicopter's return. "Be sure to get me a picture of it," he said. "I'm excited, but I'm nervous, too."

There were long delays. The teenager was anaesthetized and surgeons began opening his chest at about 1am. At 2.05am, the theatre door opened and a large red plastic box, like a picnic tub, was brought in. It held Simon's future.

Professor Yacoub used a scalpel to remove the diseased heart in a few minutes, while a heart-lung machine maintained circulation. Then he turned to the red box and with forceps withdrew from packed ice a plastic bag containing the donor organ.

The three assistant surgeons and the staff nurse drew closer as Professor Yacoub inserted the heart and began stitching it into place with fine blue cord. At 2.48am, it began to beat, supported by the heart-lung equipment. During the next hour, the heart was stimulated by mild electric shocks and by injections of adrenalin.

This was routine procedure, but it became obvious that the heart was performing sluggishly. The surgeons kept glancing up at the television screen of the electrocardiogram and they didn't like the graphs and figures they saw there.

Gradually the heart began to respond and quicken its pace.



Simon's sister Emma, who may also need a heart transplant.

Professor Yacoub left for more than an hour to take part in a lung operation in an adjoining theatre, returning at 6.15am to assess progress. "That's much better," he said. The heart-lung machine was switched off at last. At 6.30am Professor Yacoub announced: "We are able to start closing the chest now."

Theatre sister Sue Edwards turned on a tape player, keeping the volume low. The voice of Kiri Te Kanawa seeped into the theatre. The assistant surgeons began stitching the wound together. The operation was over, but for the next six hours Simon would remain in the theatre to ensure there was no abnormal bleeding and to monitor the heart's performance.

In a room outside, Professor Yacoub sipped from a paper coffee cup. "The new heart was reluctant to take over because of what it had gone through during the death of the donor and its removal and transfer," he said. Professor Yacoub performed his first heart transplant at Harefield on January 31, 1980. The recipient, Ronald Marney, aged 50, died two months later. Since then Yacoub has carried out 743 other heart grafts, and 256 heart-lung transplants.

More than 90 per cent of heart transplant patients now survive a year after the operation, and the survival rate after five years is almost 80 per cent. There is a constant shortage of donor organs at Harefield and all other transplant centres in Britain.

At 7am, Simon's father, Mr Rod Pashley, and his wife were waiting in the corridor. They had not slept and were tired and anxious, but Mrs Pashley said: "We want to thank the relatives of the donor. They must be very kind and loving and courageous people. They have given us back our son."

Toxic waste strike is over

By Peter Davenport

British Rail staff, who had stopped work for two days at a freight depot because of the risks from seven containers of poisonous waste, went back to work last night.

Earlier BR had been ordered to move the containers, at a freight depot at Stourton, near Leeds, West Yorkshire, to a sterile and protected area on the site.

The order was given by the Railway Inspectorate to management at the depot, one of the main freight yards in the North of England.

The waste was moved by the 90-strong workforce at the depot after they had received assurances about health and safety procedures. The men had kept the depot at a standstill for two days when they refused to work alongside the waste.

The containers are part of a consignment of 20 intended for Wath Recycling at Rotherham, South Yorkshire. Only 13 had been delivered before staff at the company discovered that the material, copper hydroxide sludge from an American agri-chemical company, contained chemical impurities which made the waste hazardous and toxic.

Wath Recycling is not licensed or equipped to deal with the materials found in the containers. It was different from what it had contracted to reprocess, the company said.

The seven containers at Stourton have been there since June when the 400 tonne consignment arrived.

Union representatives say that several workers have suffered respiratory problems and eye irritation after working near the containers.

British Rail said yesterday: "We want to be rid of the stuff as soon as possible."

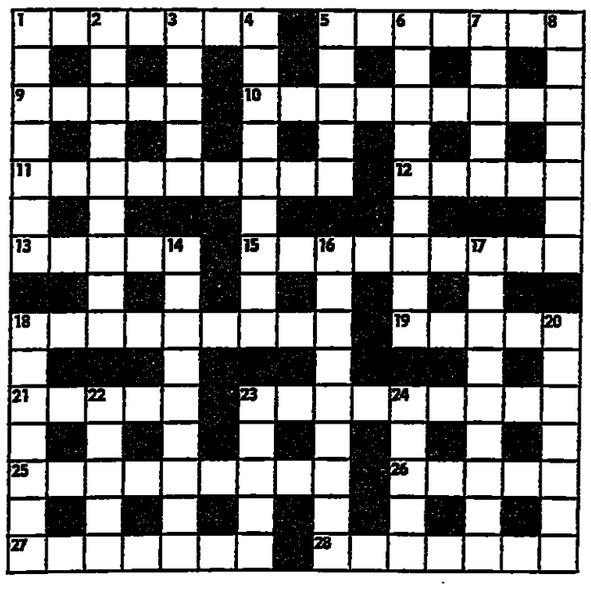
Yesterday the Health and Safety Executive said it had begun a new phase of monitoring at the Wath Recycling plant although it said there was no significant off-site risk from the consignment.

No re-processing had begun before it was realised that the waste was not of the type expected.

The company has threatened legal action against the American company which produced the waste, the FMC Corporation of Baltimore. However FMC has claimed that it made no attempt to be misleading about the contents of the waste which it sold to a New York firm which then despatched it to Britain for treatment.

The toxic waste containers are to be moved into a vast warehouse in the centre of the freight depot site; every aperture in the building will be sealed and then it will be locked.

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ACROSS
1 Got key cut (7).
5 Rose and disconnected speaker (7).
9 Solitary individual holding the two sides apart (5).
10 A number of letters addressed to main parts of the world (5,4).
11 Striking debut (6,3).
12 Saucy novel (5).
13 Not straight like the botanic gardens (5).
15 It illustrates the ups and downs of a country (6,3).
18 Fine girl destined, they say, for heaven (9).
19 A delusion in the unconscious (5).
21 Refrain from prima donna holding nothing back (5).
23 Smoother material for bullet-proof vest? (5,4).
25 Dark clobber required for this place of entertainment (5,4).
26 To have a row in a casino is easy (5).
27 Square drill for the cavalry? (7).
28 Book I is in production (7)

DOWN
1 Coaster taking iron to Italian city (7).
2 A wine grower, like St Paul (4-5).
3 A flighty one, the maiden who married Soames (5).
4 The record belonging to us has a note of the conversation (9).
5 Concentrate on cutting the hedge (5).
6 Area of hidden danger filmed in Eastern riots (9).
7 A vassal, for example, had to bed down outside (5).
8 Vitamin C container available in Shropshire out of hours (7).
14 Way to tend free-range domestic fowl (9).
16 In bed with a virus, he throws things down anywhere (9).
17 Joggers in verse, perhaps (9).
18 Soft soap for use in face-cloth? (7).
20 Runners without money have to cope with the daily grind (7).
22 The colon, say, in a newspaper (5).
23 Sea-dogs smelling, perhaps (5).
24 Mark new sheets and pillow-cases (5)

Solution to Puzzle No 18,063

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

SCOTCH BROTH

SCUNNER
a. A skinner
b. To disgust
c. A small kitchen

DOO
a. A ceremonial stocking knife
b. A pigeon
c. A Highland cow

SUGARALLIE WATTER
a. The River Clyde
b. Whisky and lemonade
c. A liquorice drink

CA
a. Birdsong
b. A sticky sweetmeat
c. A football foul

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WEATHER

England and Wales will enjoy a dry day with some sunshine. In the west and northern Scotland, patchy rain will become persistent. Northern Ireland and eastern and southern Scotland will, after a bright start, feel rain later; it will also become fairly windy. In the south, it will be warmer than yesterday. Outlook: occasional rain in the north and north-west; dry with some sunshine further south.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	30	86	s	Majorca	31	88	f
Akrotiri	33	91	s	Malaga	26	79	s
Alex'dria	30	86	s	Malta	32	90	s
Algiers	33	91	f	Melb'rne	11	52	c
Amst'dm	20	68	f	Mexico C*	-	-	-
Athens	34	93	s	Miami*	33	91	f
Bahrain	36	97	s	Milan	30	86	f
Barbados*	32	90	f	Montreal*	25	77	s
Barcelna	28	82	s	Moscow	26	79	s
Belgrade	33	91	s	Munich	20	68	c
Berlin	25	77	s	Nairobi	-	-	-
Bermuda*	30	86	s	Naples	33	91	s
Biarritz	22	72	c	N Delhi	32	90	c
Bordx	23	73	f	N York*	31	88	f
Brussels	23	73	f	Nice	27	81	s
Budapst	32	90	s	Oslo	18	64	f
B Aires*	25	77	f	Paris	22	72	s
Cairo	35	95	s	Peking	28	82	s
Cape Tn	16	61	s	Perth	19	66	c
C'blanca	25	77	s	Prague	25	77	f
Chicago*	-	-	-	Reykjvk	10	50	c
Ch'church	-	-	-	Rhodes	32	90	s
Cologne	23	73	f	Rio de J	24	75	s
C'phgn	21	70	f	Riyadh	43	109	s
Corfu	33	91	s	Rome	29	84	s
Dublin	17	63	f	Salzburg	27	81	f
Dubrovnik	32	90	s	S F'risco*	20	68	s
Faro	27	81	s	Santiago*	16	61	s
Florence	32	90	s	S Paulo*	24	75	f
Frankfurt	22	72	f	Seoul	28	84	s
Funchal	27	81	s	Sing'por	27	81	r
Geneva	26	79	f	St'kholm	17	63	c
Gibraltar	25	77	s	Strasb'rg	25	77	f
Helsinki	21	70	c	Sydney	13	55	r
Hong K	34	93	s	Tangier	26	79	f
Innsbruck	26	79	f	Tel Aviv	31	88	f
Istanbul	31	88	s	Tenerife	27	81	s
Jeddah	38	97	s	Tokyo	31	88	f
Jo'burg*	23	73	s	Toronto*	23	73	s
Karachi	31	88	c	Tunis	35	95	s
L Palmas	28	82	s	Valencia	30	86	s
Le Touq	19	66	c	Vanc'ver*	15	59	r
Lisbon	25	77	s	Venice	30	86	s
Locarno	27	81	f	Vienna	28	82	s
L Angels*	21	70	c	Warsaw	33	91	s
Luxembg	20	68	f	Wash'ton*	32	90	s
Luxor	39	102	s	Wel'ton	10	50	c
Madrid	31	88	c	Zurich	22	72	r

*denotes Wednesday's figure

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	13.5	-	19	66	sunny
Hunstanton	8.8	-	21	70	sunny
Cromer	10.2	.03	22	72	sunny
Brighton	11.5	.17	20	68	sunny
Littlehmptn	11.2	-	21	70	sunny
Bognor R	12.4	-	20	68	sunny
Southsea	12.3	.01	21	70	sunny
Sandown	12.6	-	21	70	sunny
Bournemth	12.0	.02	21	70	sunny
Swanage	12.3	-	21	70	sunny
Exmouth	9.0	-	21	70	sunny
Torquay	10.8	.04	22	72	shower
Falmouth	10.7	-	21	70	sunny
Penzance	11.9	.06	20	68	sunny
Scilly Isles	12.3	.01	20	68	sunny
Jersey	10.8	-	22	72	sunny
Guernsey	13.0	-	21	70	sunny
Newquay	9.6	.15	20	68	shower
Minehead	9.5	.03	19	66	sunny
B'pool Airpt	12.4	-	19	66	sunny
Morecambe	11.2	-	17	63	sunny
Douglas	10.3	-	17	63	sunny
B'ham Airpt	8.8	.01	20	68	shower
Bristol (Cnt)	11.5	-	19	66	sunny
Buxton	11.2	.22	18	64	sunny
Leeds	12.9	-	20	68	sunny
London	10.9	-	22	72	sunny
Manchester	10.2	.01	19	66	shower
N'ctl-n-Tyne	12.5	-	19	66	sunny
Nottingham	12.0	-	20	68	thundr
Anglesey	9.0	.01	18	64	shower
Cardiff (Cnt)	9.8	.40	19	66	shower
Colwyn Bay	12.3	-	20	68	sunny
Tenby	11.4	.07	18	64	sunny
Aberdeen	9.8	.17	19	66	sunny
Edinburgh	8.5	.06	18	64	shower
Eskdalemuir	8.0	.18	15	59	shower
Glasgow	7.6	.09	17	63	shower
Lerwick	9.5	-	15	59	sunny
Stornoway	8.5	.24	15	59	shower
Wick	4.8	.04	17	63	shower
Belfast	9.4	-	17	63	sunny

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: day temp: Guernsey, and Skegness, Lincolnshire, 24C (75F); lowest day max: Nest Point, Skye, and Cape Wrath, north Scotland, 14C (57F); highest rainfall: Brighton, Sussex, 0.36 in; highest sunshine: Anglesey, 13.1 hr.

LONDON

Thursday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 22C (72F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 15C (59F). Humidity: 6 pm, 54 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 10.9 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1019.1, millibars, rising.
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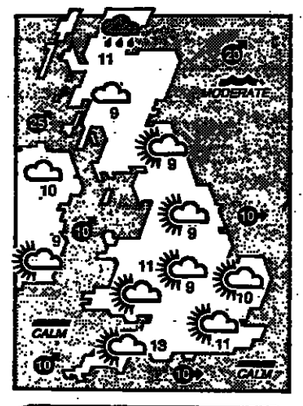
MANCHESTER

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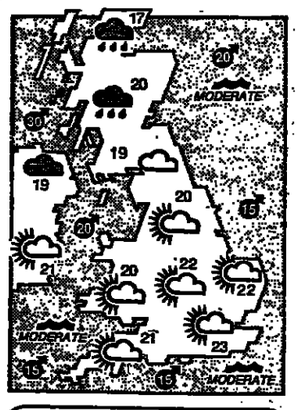
GLASGOW

Thursday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 17C (63F); min 6 pm to 6 am,09C (48F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.09 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 7.5 hr.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 8.47 pm to 5.22 am
Bristol 8.57 pm to 5.32 am
Edinburgh 9.12 pm to 5.22 am
Manchester 9.01 pm to 5.25 am
Penzance 9.05 pm to 5.47 am

Sun rises: 5.51 am
Sun sets: 8.17 pm
Moon sets 7.28 am
Moon rises 8.41 pm
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YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	14	57	c	Guernsey	19	66	s
B'ingham	19	66	f	Inverness	16	61	f
Blackpool	17	63	f	Jersey	22	72	s
Bristol	18	64	f	London	21	70	s
Cardiff	16	61	r	M'chester	16	61	r
Edinburgh	15	59	c	Newcastle	19	66	f
Glasgow	15	59	r	R'nideway	16	61	f

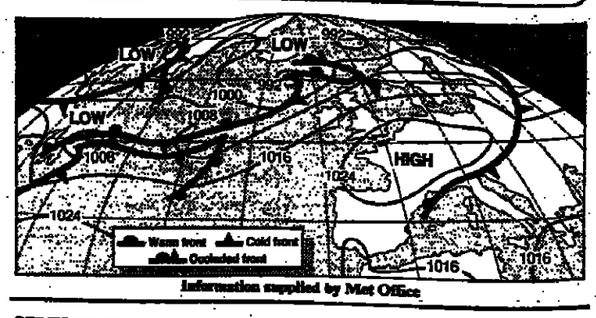
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Tower Bridge will be lifted at the following times today: 4pm, 6pm, 9pm and 10.30pm

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.28	7.3	3.40	7.5	Liverpool	12.33	9.7	12.57	9.5
Aberdeen	2.30	4.5	3.12	4.3	Lowestoft	10.50	2.6	11.41	2.3
Avonmouth	8.55	13.3	9.13	13.8	Margate	1.35	4.8	1.39	4.9
Belfast	12.05	3.6	12.33	3.3	Milford Haven	7.52	7.1	8.10	7.4
Cardiff	8.40	12.3	8.58	12.7	Newquay	6.42	7.1	7.00	7.4
Devonport	7.40	5.4	7.55	5.7	Oban	7.29	3.9	7.43	4.3
Dover	12.20	6.5	12.42	6.8	Penzance	6.38	5.5	6.54	5.8
Falmouth	7.10	5.2	7.26	5.5	Portland	8.54	2.2	9.08	2.5
Glasgow	2.07	4.8	2.38	4.2	Portsmouth	12.40	4.6	1.11	4.8
Harwich	1.22	4.0	1.36	4.0	Shoreham	12.29	6.3	1.02	6.4
Holyhead	11.58	5.5	—	—	Southampton	12.06	4.5	12.40	4.6
Hull	7.45	7.8	8.21	7.5	Swansea	7.56	9.5	8.10	9.9
Ilfracombe	7.39	9.3	7.59	9.7	Tees	4.57	5.6	5.36	5.5
King's Lynn	8.54	6.9	7.34	6.8	W'ton-on-Naze	1.12	4.2	1.25	4.2
Leith	3.58	5.7	4.34	5.7	Tide in metres: 1m=3.28ft. Times are BST				

NOON TODAY



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THE POUND

US dollar
1.5600 (–0.0190)

W German mark
3.0685 (–0.0003)

Exchange index
91.0 (–0.3)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1975.0 (+13.2)

FT-SE 100
2360.0 (+14.2)

USM (Datastream)
171.58 (+0.26)

Thames TV set to pay $100m for US expansion

By Martin Waller

Thames Television, the London TV contractor, is thought to be on the point of a significant expansion into the United States with the $100 million (£62 million) agreed purchase of Reeves Communications Corporation, which makes *Kate and Allie*, the Channel 4 situation comedy.

Reeves is both a programme maker, with full studio and production facilities, and a distributor to the big networks, such as NBC and CBS. It is quoted on the New York Stock Exchange and has a market capitalization of about $60 million. The management has a controlling stake.

Such a purchase in the US by Thames would mirror the £190 million takeover by TVS Entertainment last October of MTM Entertainment, the *Hill Street Blues* producer.

But any acquisition of Reeves is likely to be distinguished by a "lock-in" package aimed at securing the continuing services of its main creative talent. Mr Merrill Grant, the chief operating officer The deal, if completed next week, would give Thames much-needed direct access to the networks – its main US success so far, the *Jack the Ripper* mini-series starring Michael Caine, needed the services of Lorimar, the *Dallas* producer, as intermediary before it was sold to CBS last year.

Its other transatlantic hits, such as *The Benny Hill Show* and *Man About The House*, were syndicated through public broadcasting or cable TV and failed to reach the big audiences commanded by the majors

The deal, possibly funded through a share issue, would also be a defensive move – Thames has admitted talks with Mr Michael Green's Carlton Communications among others.

Reeves' only other production yet seen in this country is a made-for-TV movie, *Bill*, starring Mickey Rooney. But its biggest success in the US is a sit-com about a black family, *Gimme A Break*.

Thames had no comment last night. The company has one of the most impressive television libraries among the ITV businesses, including such hit shows as *Minder* and the police series, *The Bill*.

A drama series set in the financial community, called *Capital City*, will be coming to screens in this country soon.

This library, together with its good chance of retaining its franchise in the coming shake-up in the industry, is the main attraction to possible bidders, should the Independent Broadcasting Authority relax existing rules forbidding full takeovers Speculation has suggested this could come as early as next year

ITV companies such as Thames would be of particular interest to overseas buyers, for example Continental businesses looking at the prospects for pan-European broadcasting over the next decade.

Last month, Thames revealed it had received an approach from Compagnie Luxembourgeoise de Télédiffusion, the owner of Radio Luxembourg.

Plessey stake may signal Ferranti link

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Plessey, the electronics group being hunted by the General Electric Company (GEC) and Siemens, has built up a stake of about 2 per cent in Ferranti, the defence electronics company.

Ferranti is understood to have been told that Plessey is behind the nominees which have been acquiring its shares in past weeks.

News of the stake will trigger speculation that Plessey sees an alliance with Ferranti as a strategy which will appeal to important investors, now weighing up the final 270p a share offer from GEC and Siemens.

Plessey, which has been following a number of options for an escape from the unwelcome GEC-Siemens bid, is not expected to try to mount an immediate takeover for Ferranti. This would be extremely difficult within the timing confines imposed by the GEC-Siemens bid.

It is more likely to signal a prospective alliance between Plessey and Ferranti, which have complementary defence interests. Both are big competitors of GEC's Marconi in the defence sphere, so there could be less hesitancy at the Ministry of Defence than it showed over the GEC-Siemens takeover of Plessey.

No formal plan for an alliance appears to have been put to Ferranti. But a link-up with Plessey, apart from its industrial logic, might be seen by Ferranti as a strand in its own defence against any possible takeovers.

Ferranti has been seen as a takeover target because it is not large by international standards. But in some high technology areas of defence electronics it has a considerable amount to contribute to a stronger partner.

By the autumn it should know whether it has secured a large radar contract, which could transform its prospects. When that issue is settled it is likely to become much more of an immediate bid target.

The prospect of an alliance would allow Plessey to put the argument to the institutions that there is an alternative strategy for the electronics industry other than GEC and Siemens swallowing Plessey.

If the institutions held off and GEC-Siemens failed to win 50 per cent of Plessey, an agreed bid may be possible after three months at a higher figure then the full and final 270p bid by GEC-Siemens.

The GEC-Siemens offer document, out yesterday raises doubts about Plessey's underlying level of profitability and this is likely to prove a central issue in the fight for the institutions' backing.

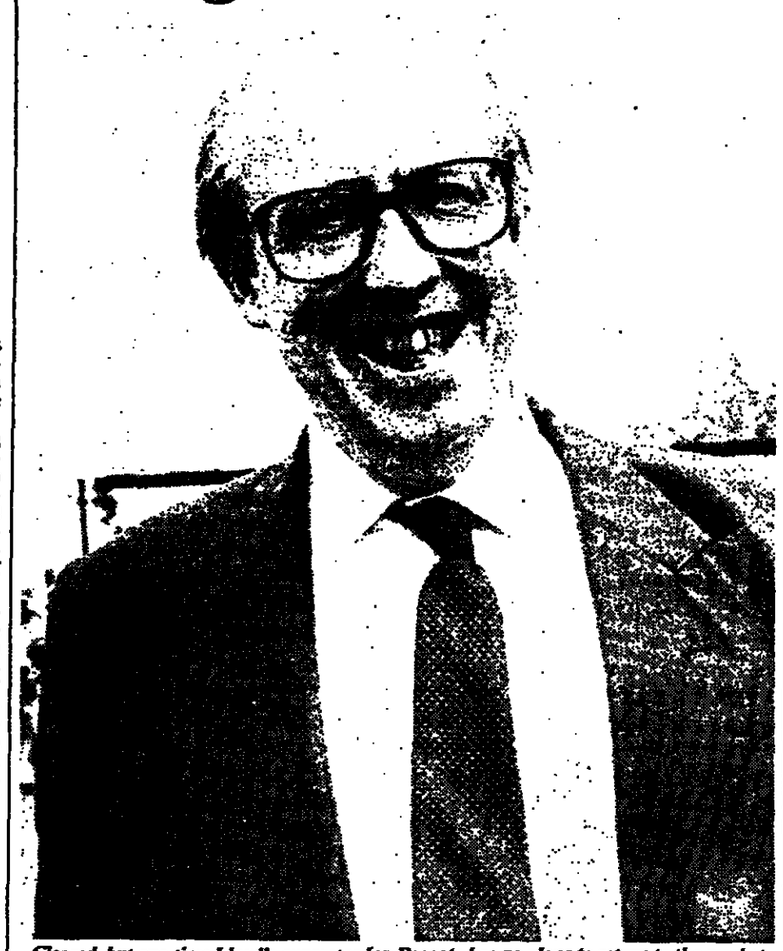
Plessey is planning to bring out its defence document probably early next week, with what Mr Stephen Walls, Plessey's managing director, said would be a robust defence against a "very selective and unreasonable presentation of facts."

The GEC-Siemens document says they believe the 1989 Plessey accounts "cast some doubt on Plessey's underlying level of profitability." The £12.1 million earnings increase before extraordinary loss includes the effect of a £5.3 million refund from a pension fund and a £10.9 million benefit from prior year adjustments in tax charges, and yet excludes some restructuring costs, which are treated as extraordinary.

"Against a background of rapidly changing conditions and increasing competition, how can Plessey sustain, let alone improve, its profitability?" ask GEC-Siemens.

The 270p offer is described as "full and fair." Mr Walls said the GEC-Siemens comments on financial performance were "cheeky in the extreme." Comment, page 21

Posgate 'vindicated'



Cleared: but one-time Lloyd's superstar Ian Posgate has no plans to return to the market

Mr Ian Posgate, the Lloyd's underwriter, and Mr Kenneth Grob, the former chairman of Alexander Howden, the insurance broker, yesterday celebrated vindication after a seven-year battle against allegations of a complex insurance fraud culminating in a 15-week trial at Southwark Crown Court, London.

The jury found both men not guilty of the affair after spending 20 hours and 43 minutes deliberating on the verdict and staying three nights in hotels.

Mr Posgate said he has no plans to return to the Lloyd's market where he made his fortune. Mr Grob said he now considers himself retired.

Both jubilant men said the case had shown that the legal system was right in using laymen to judge serious frauds, rather than professional assessors. A grinning Mr Posgate said: "I am very pleased. I just feel vindicated. It's been seven years, longer than anyone I think should have to bear."

Asked how he would celebrate, he said: "I think by going to bed, actually. I cannot tell you how exhausting court is."

He refused to express any views on Lloyd's, which found him guilty of conduct unbecoming an underwriter. He was sentenced to six months' suspension by a Lloyds disciplinary committee in 1984.



Grob: victory smile

Mr Grob was asked if he felt professional assessors should try complex City frauds. He replied: "I think it would be awful. The best thing has always been a British jury and this sort of case proves it is right."

He said the case had proved difficult for the judge, jury and counsel because of the mysteries of the insurance market. "I used to say it took 10 years to train a good reinsurance broker."

Mr Grob said he was particularly pleased for Mr Posgate. "He took this very badly. When you are 68 you don't take things quite so hard as when you are younger."

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BT boosts quarterly profits to £635m

By Colin Campbell

British Telecom's profits for the quarter to end-June rose from £610 million to £635 million, on turnover up 11.2 per cent to £2.93 billion The result beat stock market expectations, sending the shares 7p higher to 258½p.

Mr Iain Vallance, the chairman, said BT "expects to make continuing financial progress this year, despite the less buoyant outlook for the domestic economy."

Telephone call volumes continued to be strong, and over the past 12 months inland telephone call volume grew by 11 per cent and international call volume by 13 per cent.

Considering the background of a less buoyant economy, external inflationary pressures and the continuing costs of modernizing the network, BT described its overall performance as "satisfactory."

BT had also operated under a price structure for its main services which had been held

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steady for three years. Mr Graeme Odgers, the managing director, added.

Telephone charges are, as already announced, due to rise next month, although BT has yet to decide "if, and/or when" to charge for directory inquiries.

Mr Odgers said the cost of operating directory inquiries – the usage of which had risen by 20 per cent in the quarter – was up from £170 million to £200 million.

It remained BT's philosophy that customers (with the exception of the disabled and those using public telephones) should pay for services.

Under its pricing arrangements with the Government there would, however, be no net income benefit from any directory inquiry charge that might be introduced, BT added.

BT's core staff levels remained static over the quarter, though they are expected to have fallen modestly by year-end.

The company, which has offered an 8.3 per cent wage increase to its 135,000 workers involved in present wage discussions, declined to discuss the pay negotiations.

Western Motor buyout

Western Motor Holdings, the motor distributor, dealer and Russian car importer, saw its shares leap 164p to 818p when it announced that its directors were organizing a management buyout.

All the directors except Mr Geoffrey Bizley, the non-executive vice-chairman, are involved in the buyout. The details are due to be released when the company announces its interim results on September 7.

The man behind the buyout is believed to be Mr Ara Oztemel, the chairman and a 24.5 per cent shareholder.

Microvitec up

Microvitec, the computer terminal manufacturer, increased pre-tax profits by 21 per cent to £1.13 million in the six months to end-June. Sales rose 33 per cent to £18.2 million while the half-time dividend is held at 0.75p.

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STOCK MARKETS

New York:	
Dow Jones	2674.89 (–18.40)*
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	35080.11 (+5.99)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2616.98 (–18.92)
Amsterdam:	
CBS Tendency	198.7 (+0.5)
Sydney: AO	1736.7 (+7.5)
Frankfurt: DAX	1576.16 (–4.89)
Brussels:	
General	6400.55 (+75.12)
Paris: CAC	509.6 (–0.2)
Zurich: SKA Gen	667.0 (+0.9)
London:	
FT–A All-Share	1198.30 (+6.17)
FT–"500"	1328.39 (+8.06)
FT. Gold Mines	203.8 (–1.4)
FT. Fixed Interest	97.72 (+0.03)
FT. Govt Secs	87.58 (+0.16)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
GKN	470½p (+13p)
Hawker Siddeley	767½p (+15p)
Condor Group	940p (+20p)
Jaguar	407½p (+13p)
Lucas	715p (+12p)
Western Motor	817½p (+164p)
TI Group	483p (+11p)
Cable & Wireless	584p (+12p)
Body Shop	489½p (+12p)
Candover	322½p (+25p)
Standard Chart	550p (+13p)
Royal Insurance	443½p (+11p)
Grand Met	639½p (+8p)
Derwent Holdings	825p (+10p)
Estates & Agency	350p (+30p)
Slough Estates	392½p (+15p)
Priest Marians	513½p (+22p)
Hammerson	852½p (+8p)
FALLS:	
London & Man	290p (–8p)
Cardiff Property	475p (–10p)
Closing prices	
Bargains	28957
SEAQ Volume	546.9m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 14%
3-month interbank 13¹³₁₆–13⅝%
3-month eligible bills: 13¹¹₁₆–13⅝%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10½%
Federal Funds 8¹⁵₁₆%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.94-7.93%*
30-year bonds 99²⁸₃₂-99%*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.5600	£: $1.5585*
£: DM3.0685	$: DM1.9688*
£: SwFr2.8456	$: SwFr1.8370*
£: FR10.3623	$: FR6.6470*
£: Yen224.25	$: Yen143.85*
£: Index91.0	$: Index71.8
ECU £0.677188	SDR £0.795410

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $386.00 pm-$384.90
close $385.00-385.50 ($234.00-234.50)
New York:
Comex $385.30-385.80*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Sep) ... $16.95 bbl ($16.90)
* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.18	2.32
Austria Sch	22.45	21.20
Belgium Fr	67.10	69.20
Canada $	1.888	1.818
Denmark Kr	12.34	11.74
Finland Mrk	7.22	6.82
France Fr	10.76	10.16
Germany Dm	3.18	3.01
Greece Dr	277	257
Hong Kong $	12.84	11.94
Iceland Kr	1.20	1.13
Italy Lire	2295	2165
Japan Yen	229.25	223.25
Netherlands Gld	3.496	3.306
Norway Kr	11.67	11.02
Portugal Esc	267	251
South Africa Rd	4.80	4.40
Spain Pta	199	187
Sweden Kr	10.81	10.21
Switzerland Fr	2.755	2.595
Turkey Lira	3000	2000
USA $	1.557	1.547
Yugoslavia Dnr	41000	31000

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 115.4 (June)

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City stunned by £17m loss from Lowndes at half time

By Gillian Bowditch

Lowndes Queensway, the troubled furniture group headed by Mr James Gulliver, has stunned the City with an estimated £17 million loss in the six months to July.

The group yesterday also announced a rights issue of £18 million, as predicted by *The Times*, and £18 million of debt rescheduling. Shareholders are being asked to subscribe to the three-for-seven rights issue at 20p a share.

The issue is being underwritten by Charterhouse, Lowndes' merchant bank, and sub-underwritten by Lowndes' institutional shareholders. One big institutional shareholder is still deciding whether to take up the rights issue, but analysts said institutions were likely to subscribe to it.

Lowndes shares were suspended at 22½p this week and are to be relisted today when the official refinancing documents are published, but analysts were expecting the shares to fall below 20p.

The market is also worried that the £18 million cash call will not be enough. But Mr Eddie Dayan, managing director of Lowndes, said Lowndes will survive.

Mr Dayan said sales fell 11 per cent on a like-for-like basis on the first half of last year. He said that, with the benefit of hindsight, the board might not have recommended the dividend in June. The banks have agreed to vary the existing debt so that £18 million which was due this year will not be paid until January 31, 1992. But the banks insisted on a rights issue as part of the package.

Mr Nick Hawkins, a retail analyst at Kleinwort Benson, the broker, said there is no point in people selling out now. However, Mr John Smith of Phillips & Drew, the broker, says he still rates the shares a sell. "Lowndes is an object lesson. If you attempt a highly leveraged buyout on a company with an unstable cash flow, you're looking for trouble."

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Loan record

Hutchison Whampoa has signed a HK$10.5 billion (£85 3 million) loan to finance development of its 80 per cent-owned container terminal unit, Hongkong International Terminals. It is Hong Kong's biggest ever

City expects higher pay settlements to filter through

Earnings figures boost markets

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

A surprise fall in average earnings growth in June brought welcome news for the Government yesterday in its battle against inflation, as labour market data showed unemployment at its lowest level for nine years and trending downwards.

The quarter-point underlying drop in average earnings to a provisional annual rate of 9 per cent was greeted warmly in the financial markets, with shares and government stocks moving higher and the pound firming.

But City analysts, who had expected 9.5 per cent, doubted the June figure and expect to see earnings growth rising again in the next few months as pay deals feed through.

Economists are concerned that while high interest rates have slowed consumer demand, they have fuelled higher pay demands that could undermine the Government's anti-inflationary strategy. Britain's earnings growth is well above rates seen in the other major industrial economies. Mr Norman Fowler, the Employment Secretary, underlined that the fall in earnings growth would not continue if pay deals remained at the levels emerging recently.

Basing pay demands on the "going rate", instead of economic circumstances, would be paid in job losses, he warned. Without giving away today's retail prices figure, he urged wage negotiators to remember that price inflation was expected to fall over the coming months.

City forecasts see the July inflation figure staying around the 8.3 per cent of June and May, or possibly falling slightly. Analysts pointed to the decline in overtime in manufacturing, at its lowest level since June last year, as the key factor behind slower earnings growth.

While productivity gains have softened the impact of higher pay deals, the annual increase in output per head in the second quarter this year fell to 5.5 per cent, down 0.2 of a per cent from 5.7 per cent in the three months to May.

Dollar surges as US trade gap falls

The Federal Reserve Board was forced to intervene to hold down the dollar for the second time in a week after better-than-expected United States trade figures yesterday sent the currency surging.

The dollar advance eliminated gains the pound made earlier on the back of an unanticipated slowdown in UK average earnings, leaving sterling almost two cents down at $1.56 at the London close, though slightly firmer against the mark at DM3.0686.

The US trade deficit narrowed to a seasonally-adjusted $8.17 billion (£5.24 billion) in June from a revised $10.08 billion shortfall the previous month, undershooting most forecasts by about $1 billion.

The dollar leapt immediately to DM1.97, but eased back later to trade in a DM1.9640 to DM1.9680 range, as if unsure of direction. Against the yen it rose to Y143.75 from Y142.10.

The June merchandise trade deficit on a customs value basis was at its lowest since December 1984. The May deficit was originally given as $10.24 billion. Demonstrating that the strong dollar has not impaired exports, seasonally adjusted exports staged a 1.5 per rise to a record $30.91 billion.

Imports were 3.6 per cent down at $39.08 billion. However, when the figures were unadjusted the deficit only narrowed from $9.12 billion to $9.62 billion.

Importantly, the deficit with Japan was reduced to $3.94 billion from $4.28 billion, while the shortfall with western Europe more than trebled to $225 million.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

OFT finds no reason for De Beers inquiry

De Beers, the world-wide diamond group, has been told by the Office of Fair Trading that there is no reason for its diamond selling activities to be investigated by the OFT. Sir Gordon Borrie, the OFT's director general, says while aspects of the Central Selling Organization, the De Beers marketing arm, function like a monopoly, any ill effects which might flow will be negligible for Britain.

"Since I have jurisdiction only over the state of competition within the United Kingdom, I see little point, on the basis of the information available to me at present, in pursuing this matter further," Sir Gordon adds.

Quotient in £1.98m loss

Quotient, the USM financial computer software group which in June issued a warning to shareholders of an impending downturn in profits, yesterday blamed a sluggish and uncertain market for a pre-tax loss of £1.98 million in the six months to end-June, compared with a pre-tax profit of £517,000 last time. There is no interim dividend (1.4p).

Offer for Invicta fails

The tender offer for 10 per cent of Invicta Sound, the local radio group based in Canterbury, has met expected failure, with acceptances for less than 1 per cent of the share capital. Under the offer terms, it is now void. It was launched by Mr Kenneth Prichard Jones, who has stakes in two other local stations. Shares fell 7p to 208p.

Gaskell edges ahead

Gaskell, the carpet and underlay manufacturer, overcame slower high street sales in the six months to end-June, with pre-tax profits up 1 per cent to £1.03 million. Sales rose by 29 per cent to £19.0 million, while the interim dividend is lifted from 2.5p to 2.8p.

The results were held back by a sharply higher interest charge, up £209,000 to £261,000, due to last year's installation of a bitumen backing line at Bamber Crafts, a contract tufter carpet tile manufacturing subsidiary. The backing line has now started to contribute. Gaskell said demand from contract and industrial customers remained high and it hoped to gain the benefits from the new equipment and the new warehouse at Gaskell Carpets in the second half.

Blagden rises 25% to £5.8m

Pre-tax profits at Blagden Industries, the steel drum manufacturer, rose 25 per cent to £5.8 million in the six months to June 25. Earnings per share were up 0.1p to 9.1p, and the interim dividend climbs 8 per cent to 4.2p (3.9p). Though Blagden reported a £76,000 loss at Femsa, all other divisions performed well.

Citygrove in £13m scheme

Citygrove, the property developer, is beginning construction of a £13 million retail park in Edinburgh this month. The scheme, which is fully let, will provide 160,000 sq ft to non-food retailing and a 10,000 sq ft garden centre. Completion is scheduled for summer 1990, with rent levels varying between £6.50 and £6.75 a sq ft.

Henriques doubles

Associated Henriques, the trade finance house, continued its recent growth and almost doubled pre-tax profits to £1.28 million for the six months to end-June, on a turnover of £2.4 million, up from £1.02 million. The company is raising the interim dividend a third, to 1p.

Mr Milton Levine, the chairman, said many small British companies were still badly in need of the financing Henriques offers, and the company's client list had grown from 60 to more than 100 in the past year. He said Henriques was unaffected by higher interest rates, as it always lent at a fixed level above its borrowing costs. Henriques' Canadian subsidiary, founded in May last year, turned in good profits. The company said demand was still good in the second half, although the rate of profit growth was beginning to slow.

TEMPUS

Storm warning helps shelter Royal

Having issued a warning to City analysts that things were not going too well, Royal Insurance has beaten their pessimistic forecasts with a 22 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £120 million, sending its shares up 11p to 444p. Things would have been much better had it not been for a £14 million trading loss on the £220 million Royal has invested in its estate agencies.

The problem, as expected, was in the United States, where the downturn in the insurance cycle turned a £29 million pre-interest profit on general insurance in the first half of 1988 into a £25 million loss this time, on £678 million of premiums.

But it could have been worse for Mr Ian Rushton, group chief executive. More cautious provisioning and a rundown in certain Californian business can be expected to limit losses. Second-quarter losses were down on the first and growth of premium income was kept to 4.5 per cent. There may be some improvement next year.

In Britain, however, profits from a similar premium income leapt 56 per cent to £94 million, thanks mainly to the mild winter. Canada and the rest of the world also produced record profits. The life side chipped in an improved £25 million despite lower single premium business in Britain, including £4.5 million from the US, where the Maccabees Life acquisition has shifted the geographical balance.

Pre-tax profits for the full year could top £250 million, which would leave the shares selling at about 13 times earnings. That could be extravagant because Britain's underwriting cycle is likely to turn down next year, even if the good weather persists.

Royal's main attraction is as an income stock. The half-time dividend is up 13.2 per cent to 10.75p, suggesting at least 25p for the full year. That would give a yield of 7.5 per cent. The other appeal lies in net assets of 519p (up from 441p a year ago with no half-time adjustment for the life surplus). This is no doubt what attracted Adelaide Steamship, which still has its stake in Royal.

New management is exploring ways of releasing shareholder value. But the underwriting cycle is a severe limiting factor.



TED BATH

Forecasts beaten: Ian Rushton of Royal Insurance yesterday

European Home Products

When European Home Products arrived on the market in 1986, many thought that the £49 million price-tag was a bit steep for a retailer of sewing machines with an indifferent record.

The shares opened at a discount, but the company redeemed its position by spending well above £100 million on acquisitions in the following year.

The results for the first half of 1989, which were slightly worse than the company had warned in May, show just how difficult it can be to buy growth.

Ostensibly, pre-tax profits were 37 per cent up at £17.1 million in the six months to June, but this included an exceptional gain of £10.4 million from the sale of Scholl's head offices and warehouses in Britain and Germany.

Ignoring that one-off gain, the figures showed a 56 per cent fall to £6.7 million. Trading profits, virtually all of which were chipped in by Scholl footwear products, fell by £3.4 million to £11.9 million, while the interest charge practically doubled from £2.8 million to £5.2 million.

Put another way, it seems that 600-odd of EHP's 700 shops made no money. Sales of sewing machines to housewives were all but static, while garment manufacturers were deterred from buying by the level of interest rates.

Unsold consumer durables piled up in its shops in Spain and Italy, which inflated borrowings and led to a £1.9 million provision against stocks.

True, EHP attained its leading position in the electrical goods markets of southern Europe cheaply. But it is now all too apparent why these bargain opportunities to move into Spain were not snapped up by others.

The shares fell 12p to 178p on the results, but with analysts such as Mr Charles Allen of County NatWest cutting forecasts of full-year pre-tax profits to £13 million and earnings to 11.3p, that still leaves them on a rating in the mid-teens. There will be no rush to buy.

Microvitec

Microvitec's figures in the five years since it came to the market could charitably be described as lumpy. Profits and sales at the computer colour monitor manufacturer have risen and fallen as large contracts have come and gone.

At least the trend has been upwards since the disastrous decline in 1985, but the split between the first and second halves of the year has never been predictable. This time is no exception; pre-tax profits for the six months to end-June are 21 per cent ahead at £1.13 million, on sales of £18.2 million, up a third. The accompanying chairman's statement, however, leaves the reader in no doubt that this will not continue in the second half.

The reason is a marked slowdown in orders from two of Microvitec's main customers. A £5.5 million contract with British Telecom to supply terminals for its customer service operation was almost completed by June. Sales in the second part of the year will be much lower.

Meanwhile, Reuters has ceased using Microvitec as its sole source of colour monitors and introduced NEC, the Japanese electronics company, as a competitor. Assuming the rest of the business remains static overall, the company will be hard pressed to make £2.1 million for the year, putting the shares at 41p on a prospective p/e ratio of 8.

What the company needs is a stable contract from a large original equipment manufacturer. The perfect customer would be a large Japanese or American group wanting to increase its European sourcing as 1992 approaches. Microvitec is one of Europe's leading monitor manufacturers, with a well-built product and the flexibility to build to meet a customers needs. If Microvitec won a contract from Apple, NEC or even IBM, its profits would start to motor.

Until then, the company seems fated with its low rating, although a running yield of 5.7 per cent may tempt some investors to take the chance.

French group in talks with Philips

(Reuter) — Thomson SA, France's state-owned electronics group, is in talks with Philips of Holland, the big electronics group, about the future of Philips' defence business. The dealings in the shares of Télécommunications Radioélectriques et Téléphoniques (TRT), Philips' French unit, were suspended on the Paris bourse at Fr1,405 (£136) yesterday, matching the previous day's close.

TRT is 49.2 per cent owned by Philips. Thomson said: "Discussions are underway between Philips and Thomson over the future of Philips' defence business and TRT's defence business in France."

A Philips spokesman in France confirmed that discussions were under way over TRT, but declined comment on Philips' other defence activities. Talks had earlier taken place between the groups about Philips' Hollandse Signaal Apparaten offshoot.

The shares of Thomson CSF, Thomson's defence electronics offshoot, rose by Fr3.90 to Fr208.60 (£20.14) after the news of the talks.

TRT reported attributable group losses of Fr47.4 million (£4.57 million) in 1988 on a turnover of Fr4.16 billion, falling into the red after achieving a profit for 1987 of Fr60.8 million (£5.87 million) on a turnover of 4.02 billion.

In 1988, about 40 per cent of sales were in the military sector.

TRT's businesses include specialist electronic and optical systems for aircraft and weapons. Analysts attributed most of TRT's losses last year to restructuring costs and export problems.

British Gas hits at pay policy criticism as managers win 16% rise

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

British Gas has defended its pay policy, which this year gave senior management a 16 per cent pay rise while profits rose by only 6 per cent.

Mr Robert Evans, the new chairman and chief executive of British Gas, whose own earnings will not be made public until next year's accounts are released, told shareholders in Birmingham yesterday: "I don't think I'm overpaid."

He said he now runs the sixth largest company in Britain but his pay was less than that of the chief of the 53rd largest company in Britain.

Mr Evans said at the annual meeting, attended by 5,000 of its 2½ million shareholders, that British Gas paid its senior executives salaries based on the middle range of engineering earnings.

He said that staff whose pay was negotiated by trade unions were in the upper quartile of earnings in the same sector. Last year, manual staff had received a 5 per cent pay rise plus a 4.5 per cent annual bonus.

The size of increases paid to senior staff was criticized by Mr Noel Falconer, a shareholder, who yesterday again failed to win support from his fellow investors to be nominated to the board.

Mr Falconer said he had considerable managerial experience, 20 years' service in the RAF, two degrees and the experience needed to combat big company bureaucracy.

He said: "I prefer to say that I am a small shareholder in British Gas much like all the other 2½ million shareholders who own less than 1,000 shares each. I believe we should have one of our own on the board. This is not fractional; it is so that they know how we think. I can go on that board and I think that I can help."

Mr Falconer clearly did not receive the support of fellow shareholders on a show of hands but Mr Evans decided the matter should be put to a special poll. The result will be announced today.

Mr Evans also told shareholders that British Gas was about to compete for the new markets for gas emerging among the electricity generators.

"We are not afraid of competition. We have always had to compete with electricity, oil and coal. Gas competition is likely to be limited until the early 1990s but much of it will take place in gas-fired power generation stimulated by the privatization of electricity."

The AGM coincided with the publication of an independent survey, conducted by Survey Research Associates, showing that more than 80 per cent of small British Gas shareholders were satisfied with the company's attitude towards them.

Asked to give their opinion of its concern for the interests of small shareholders, 56 per cent rated it as good or excellent, and 25 per cent as satisfactory. Only 5 per cent rated it as poor.



'I don't think I'm overpaid': Robert Evans of British Gas

Three fail to join AFI board

By Neil Bennett

Amalgamated Financial Investments has beaten off attempts by three dissident shareholders to join the board.

At an extraordinary meeting yesterday, the company declared that three motions tabled by the shareholders who include Mr Richard Wollenberg, a former chief executive of the company, were invalid.

The motions, which called for the election of each of the three to the board, were declared ineligible because they had not filed proper documents with the company secretary six days before the meeting.

A fourth motion, which called for the removal of Mr Frank Welsh, an AFI director and its former chairman, was called off after Mr Welsh resigned from the company early yesterday morning.

The three shareholders had earlier criticized AFI for a series of deals it made last year which they believed had been damaging.

Mr John Scholes, AFI's chairman, said: "Mr Wollenberg goofed, quite frankly. He used to be a director of this company so he should have known what the articles of association said. Now I just want to get ahead and enhance the value of the company's shares."

M&C price rises on approach

Monks & Crane, the USM-quoted supplier of industrial tools and fixings formed as a result of a management buyout from Thorn EMI in 1985, yesterday revealed it had received an approach which may lead to a bid.

The company, whose shares have fallen from a pre-crash high of 230p to an all-time low of 68p on Wednesday after consistent difficulty in reaching profit targets over the past two years, could be under pressure from institutional investors to accept a bid. The shares rose 12p to 80p.

Given the downturn in construction work, it is unlikely the company will live up to the City's best forecasts. Its broker, Albert E Sharp, believes the company might not achieve its £2.75 million (£2.51 million) pre-tax profit forecast for the year to March 1990. Analysts say a bidder would have to pay about £100 million.

Arbitrageur to plead guilty

Robert Freeman, the former head of arbitrage for Goldman Sachs arrested more than two years ago in full view of his co-workers at the Goldman Sachs office in Manhattan, will settle his insider trading case with the US government by pleading guilty to one criminal charge carrying a five-year prison term.

He will not be required to co-operate with prosecutors in their investigation of the Ivan Boesky scandal.

Imry bid goes unconditional

Mr Stephan Wingate's £314 million agreed bid for Imry Merchant Developers, the owner of the Rose theatre in south London, through his Marketchief vehicle, has been declared unconditional by the first closing date with acceptances for 89.13 per cent of the ordinary shares and 90.05 per cent of preference capital.

Explaura issue

Explaura Holdings is making a 1-for-20 rights issue at 40p a share to raise £2.16 million, to fund the demerger of Gander River Resources, its subsidiary, and feasibility studies into a joint venture in Newfoundland. The demerger will be effected by the distribution of one Gander share for every seven Explaura held. Gander made a £71,500 loss for the six months to end-June, compared with a previous half-year loss of £26.3 million.

Royal Insurance

INTERIM RESULTS

- Pre-tax profit £119.6m.
- Interim dividend up 13.2% to 10.75p per share.
- Premium income up 21.2% to £2,394.4m.
- Capital and reserves up 18.1% to £2,520m.
- Net assets per share up from 441p to 519p.
- The pre-tax profit of £119.6m, whilst down on the comparable figure of £154.0m last year, contained a number of strong features. Record pre-tax profits were achieved by all the general insurance companies with the exception of Royal USA. Following the acquisition of Maccabees Life in the United States we are obtaining the benefits of a wider geographical distribution of our life business with 51.5% of long-term premiums emanating from outside the UK.

Royal Insurance

A full statement for the interim results for 1989 (of which the above is an extract) will be mailed to all shareholders, and is also available from Corporate Relations, Royal Insurance Holdings plc, 1 Cornhill, London EC3V 3QR. Please send me a copy of Royal Insurance's interim statement.

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Growth fuelled by steady demand from Japan, US and Europe

Wool exports poised for record year

By Melinda Wittstock

Exports of wool textiles from Britain, aided by a stronger dollar and steady demand for woollen and worsted fabrics in both Japan and the EC, look likely to reach record levels again this year.

Half-year figures from the National Wool Textile Export Corporation yesterday revealed that the value of wool textile exports throughout the world has risen by 14 per cent on the same period last year to £355.8 million.

Though the rate of growth seen earlier in the year is now slowing, Mr Geoffrey Richardson, director of the NWTEC, said the industry could notch up about £700 million worth of overseas sales for 1989 as a whole — easily beating last year's £613 million and compensating somewhat for a rather lacklustre performance in the domestic market.

He said the 14 per cent rise represented "a pleasant progression" of growth the industry had seen over the past five years, and "not a flash in the pan."

Since the recession of the early 1980s, the industry — still concentrated in the old mill towns dotted throughout Yorkshire and the Scottish Borders — has transformed both its equipment and product.

Exporters now rely on more expensive products which sell far better in North America, Japan and Europe. High quality worsted cloth, for instance, has become very popular with Japanese businessmen, say analysts.

The NWTEC's statistics for June, the latest monthly figures available, show a 15.3 per cent rise in wool textile exports over June last year to £64.9 million.

In the first six months of the year, wool cloth exports increased in value by 12.2 per cent to £140.5 million, while yarn exports at £52.3 million fell 0.4 per cent.

Raw wool exports remained the same at £44.9 million. Exports of other wool textile products increased 31.7 per cent to £15.2 million.

Exports of wool textiles to EC countries grew 2.1 per cent to £93.8 million, while sales to the rest of the world rose 20.3 per cent to £153.9 million.

Gillian Bowditch profiles Ian Posgate and Kenneth Grob

The high life and risk-taking times of Lloyd's 'Goldfinger'

Ian Richard Posgate, aged 57 — nicknamed "Goldfinger" on account of his ability to make millions for his Lloyd's names and himself — was one of the few superstars in the secretive Lloyd's insurance market.

His style, acid humour and ability to take huge risks with apparent ease ensured that he stood out in an establishment peopled by men in grey suits.

Even those in Lloyd's who cared nothing for his style secretly admired his ability to make money. He is said to have had the highest earned income in Britain in the early 1980s — in 1981 he drew more than £700,000 in commission alone.

Despite being known as Goldfinger, Mr Posgate was more of a James Bond of the financial world — until his arrest in 1987 in connection with the Alexander Howden affair.

He positively sought out dangerous business which his competitors shunned because of the possibility of heavy losses, finding financial opportunity in war, hijacking and catastrophe. In 1980 his life was insured for £10 million.

Married to Margaret, by whom he has four children, he is a self-made man with a great deal of charm. He was seen socially with a variety of glittering escorts, including Miss Sally Hunter, a Belgravia art expert, and Mrs Laura Davies, a Lloyd's member.

His lifestyle was opulent. His magnificent mansion in Henley-on-Thames included six acres of garden and a 150-acre beef farm. In 1978 he was given a Pissarro by Kenneth Grob's son David, an art dealer. Mr Posgate later described the painting as "not that good, not that expensive."

Mr Posgate's aggressive underwriting methods earned him enemies among his competitors at Lloyd's. He showed little team spirit, preferring to strike out and take risks on his own.

But in 1981 his popularity was such that he was elected to the Committee of Lloyd's, the highest honour his peers could bestow on him.

Despite being revered by the names who flocked to share the Goldfinger touch, Mr Posgate has been in trouble at Lloyd's and considered himself an outsider.

Severely censured by the Committee of Lloyd's in 1970 — which in most cases would have meant commercial death — he remained bitter about the incident.



On top of the world: underwriting superstar Ian Posgate at his home in Henley-on-Thames during the good days of 1982

'Grobfather' with a stubborn streak

The irony of the often-uneasy relationship between Mr Kenneth Grob and Mr Ian Posgate is that they were brought together by the Lloyd's Committee.

Despite heavily censuring Mr Posgate, the committee allowed him to continue as an active underwriter on condition that he was overseen by an underwriting agency approved of by the committee. That underwriting agency was Alexander Howden and Mr Grob effectively became Mr Posgate's "minder."

Howden undoubtedly benefited from its relationship with Mr Posgate, who continued to enjoy phenomenal success; it is estimated that by 1982 Mr Posgate was personally writing more than 7 per cent of all the insurance premium written at Lloyd's. In return he was paid a salary which kept him in the headlines for much of the late 1970s — in 1979 he paid £2,000 a week in tax.

Mr Grob, aged 68, is a man of enormous entrepreneurial ability who has a taste for the finer things in life. He worked his way up from a junior broker at the age of 16, speculating in stocks, shares and art along the way. He is half Swiss, is married with two children and was a RAF pilot during the Second World War.

He was appointed chairman of Alexander Howden in 1970 and in addition to an elegant London address — Eaton Square, Belgravia — he enjoyed the benefits of the Villa Olivula, a large pink residence in an exclusive part of the South of France, until the Howden scandal blew up in 1982.

He sat on the board of his son, David's, art company and had a taste for fine paintings.

Despite his outward urbanity, Mr Grob had a stubborn streak. Mr Posgate has called him a "bully" on more than one occasion, and it is not for nothing that his nickname in the Lloyd's market was "The Grobfather." Between 1969 and 1977 Mr Grob expanded Howden by around 40 per cent a year by means of an aggressive acquisition policy, but 20 per cent of its income still came directly from Mr Posgate's underwriting.

In 1977 Mr Posgate was appointed to the full board of Howden. Howden had asked Lloyd's for permission to appoint him to the board in 1974, but it had refused.

Mr Grob showered gifts and loans on Mr Posgate. Godfrey Hodgson, in his book *Lloyd's of London, A Reputation at Risk*, says that in addition to being given a work by Pissarro Mr Posgate was lent pieces by Rodin, Henry Moore, Picasso, Monet and Fantin-Latour. During his trial, Mr Posgate revealed that he wanted to usurp Mr Grob. Mr Posgate told the court: "It was an ambition of mine — like all politicians wish to become prime minister — to become chairman or deputy chairman of Howden."

The two fell out over the Lloyd's Bill in 1981. Mr Posgate had argued to the Parliamentary Committee that brokers should not be allowed to own underwriting syndicates.

This infuriated Mr Grob, who was violently opposed to the idea. But Mr Posgate was interested in acquiring the hugely successful underwriting agencies which he had built up at Howden, and which accounted for a fifth of Howden's profits.

By 1982 the relationship had soured, to the extent that Mr Posgate claimed he was not included in the Howden takeover negotiations with Alexander & Alexander, the US firm, and he left the Howden board.

COMMENT

Sparks begin to fly in the Plessey end game

Predictably, Lord Weinstock's General Electric and West Germany's Siemens go on the attack against Plessey in their offer document by questioning the underlying profitability of the embattled electronics group. Less predictably, Plessey has shown a new strand to its defence. It has started building a stake in Ferranti, the defence electronics company.

Plessey can hardly mount a takeover within the time constrictions of the GEC Siemens bid. Takeover expectations for Ferranti anyway have been that nobody would move against Ferranti until it was known for certain that it will get the big radar contract expected to be placed by the autumn.

So there are now two issues on Plessey. Can it, through stake-building in Ferranti, help to find an escape route from GEC and Siemens? And how far, when it produces its defence document, will it be able to successfully counter the twin predators' arguments on its profitability?

Key institutional shareholders will want to see more from Plessey than just one or two-year golden promises. Perhaps the glitter will need to be shown to have a four to five-year life. This could prove a challenge for Plessey.

That underlines the importance of finding another means of defence. The possibility of an alliance with Ferranti, possibly strengthened by taking in another partner, would demonstrate to the institutions that GEC-Siemens-Plessey is only one possible scenario for their parts of the electronics industry.

At any rate, Plessey is now putting some sparks into the end game.

Lawson's light relief

The fall in earnings growth in June is almost certainly a false dawn, but it promises a shorter and less intense period of darkness than many were expecting.

The official earnings figures are a backward-looking indicator. Since the settlements recorded in the June figure there have some considerably higher pay increases, for instance at ICI and among the local authority non-manual workers, and as the months go by these higher figures will loom progressively larger in average earnings. There was also a particular reason for the downward move from 9¼ per cent to 9 per cent in June in the nurses settlement, which was high last year and more modest this year.

Nevertheless, while pay settlements have steadily been rising there has been a gradual offset from the falling number of overtime hours worked. The slowdown in the economy has had its own effect on total earnings as employees have worked fewer hours and earned less at premium overtime rates. Total overtime hours worked in June fell to 13.63 million seasonally adjusted, compared with an average of 14.66 million in the final quarter of last year.

The effect of the slowdown can only become greater and will help to contain that of the higher pay settlements coming into the figures. James Capel, for instance, thinks that double-figure earnings are now most unlikely to be reached and that the peak will be about 9½ per cent, probably in the August or September figures.

Beyond that there are powerful forces operating for lower settlements. The annual rate of increase in the retail price index will by the autumn have started to fall. Equally important, the rate at which unemployment is coming down has clearly begun to level off and may even reverse itself in the course of the next year. Yesterday's figures showed an average monthly fall over the past three months of 23,000 compared with a peak of 56,700 in January.

Today's figures on the money supply and inflation will provide another important guide to the extent of disinflationary pressure. But despite the gathering evidence that growth is falling to a more sustainable rate sterling remains vulnerable, and there can be no question of an early cut in rates.

Hold the BT line

There are enough warning bleeps in British Telecom's first quarterly report to suggest that BT's fight for higher profits in the year to end-March will not be an easy one.

BT faces increased competition in its traditional marketing corner as more competition is let in. The British economy is slowing down, though BT is thanking heaven that the telephone and the fax machine are now taken for granted as necessities of life. Staff costs have risen 11.4 per cent during a period when staff numbers were virtually static. Wage negotiations with trade unions remain unresovled.

September's increased telephone prices will help, though stronger evidence that costs are being controlled is needed before analysts will remove their "caution" tag from BT shares.

Meanwhile, BT could still show a year-end pre-tax profit of £2.54 billion, against £2.29 billion, which, added to the colour of a respectable prospective yield of 6 per cent, makes BT, on balance, a hold — at least for a while yet.

Property disposals lift EHP profits

By Jeremy Andrews

European Home Products, the electrical goods retailer and wholesaler of foot-care products, reports a 37 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £17.1 million for the six months to June on sales 17 per cent ahead at £189 million.

However, the profit includes an exceptional gain of £10.4 million from the disposal of properties, and, ignoring this, fully-diluted earnings per share slumped by 56 per cent to 6.0p. The interim dividend is held at 2.5p.

Trading profits fell by 22 per cent to £11.9 million because of problems in its consumer durables retailing businesses in Italy and Spain and the effect of the warm weather on Werner, its German tights importer. Interest charges rose by £2.4 million to £5.2 million because of high interest rates and abnormally high levels of stocks in Spain and Italy.

In June, stocks were £8 million higher than seasonal requirements, but EHP hopes that they will be cleared in the peak selling period in the second half despite the imposition of controls on consumer credit by Madrid.

In southern Europe, the difficult conditions which EHP's durable goods retailing businesses encountered in the last quarter of 1988 persisted in the first half of the current year.

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Estate agencies hit Royal Insurance

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Royal Insurance Holdings, which invested £220 million building up one of the largest estate agency chains in the country, lost nearly £14 million on it in the first half.

The number of outlets has been pruned from more than 800 to 761 with some shops being "mothballed" in the hope that trade will recover. By September 350 jobs will have gone, in the South-east, from a peak of 2,200.

But record profits from general insurance in the UK offset most of the problems in estate agency and in insurance in the United States.

For the six months to June 30, group pre-tax profits fell by 22 per cent to £120 million, better than the market expected.

The interim dividend has been raised by 13.2 per cent to 10.75p. Mr Ian Rushton, Royal's new chief executive, said this reflected the group's financial strength and prospects. Capital and reserves have risen by 18 per cent since the year-end to £2.5 billion.

Investment income in the first half was up 24 per cent to £241 million on a 21 per cent rise in premium income to £2.4 billion.

Mr Rushton said the new top management was looking at the group's structure and that floating off one or more parts separately was one option.

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Fame of Hall rockets

Maggie Hall, the Warburg corporate financier, is being considered for the job of astronaut on a Russian space mission. Hall, aged 25, and a member of the team which advised Isosceles on its successful bid for Gateway, the supermarket group, replied to an advertisement in *The Times* for "an astronaut, aged 21-40, no experience necessary." A proficient athlete — at high and long jump — Hall was shown the advert by Sue Hearnshaw, the Olympic athlete with whom she trained. "Sue said she had found just the job for me when she was round for dinner in July and I filled in an application form," said Hall. The 13,000 applicants were whittled down to a shortlist of 150. "The Russians have invited one Briton to go with them. I don't think I'm on the short list," said Hall, "but they tell me that my application is still under consideration." An Oxford biochemistry graduate, Hall is also something of a linguist. In January, she returned to London after a year at Warburg's Tokyo office and speaks fluent Japanese. "I had hoped languages might help my application. It would be a marvellous opportunity."

Live wire

Cable and Wireless is evidently pleased to have enticed John Carrington, who was founder managing director of British Telecom's Cellnet operation, to spearhead its own application for a licence for PCN, the second generation cellular communications business. This is something of a back-handed tribute to BT, since C&W was supposed to be the main new force whose dynamism would wake up the sleepy former state monopoly.



THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Three score and ten

Alan Bond, the troubled brewing tycoon, will at least be able to drown his sorrows with something other than Swan Lager this weekend, for he is one of countless millionaire industrialists and film stars making their way to the Palais Mendoub in Tangiers today — on a specially chartered 747 — to celebrate the 70th birthday of Malcolm Forbes, the publisher. The letter of invitation to the party — apparently hosted by his children — is signed by sons Malcolm Jnr., Bob, Christopher, and Tim, and advises guests to bring "black tie, ball gowns, turbans and tiaras. . . for an evening of exotic dancing, dining and fireworks." Clearly respectful of their father — whom they describe as "the Capitalist Prophet" — his sons also write: "Our father is not in heaven yet and, as he still signs our pay cheques, we are anxious to make his 70th birthday a memorable one."

Pru launch

Swimming boldly against the tide is New York securities house Pru-Bache, which is planning to launch itself as a UK market-maker — specializing, at first, in eight stocks — with effect from Monday. Pru-Bache will, through ex-Wall Street trader Bradley Bilgore and Mark Mulcahy, make markets in Blue Arrow, BP, Burton, Glaxo, Hong Kong Telecom, Hanson, Reuters and Saatchi & Saatchi. Spokeswoman Jane Pickering, said: "We will be dealing in both shares and ADRs, and to begin with we have limited ourselves to those stocks in which we have significant trading experience or research capability." Pru-Bache is confident it could make money from the operation.

Peter and the wolves

Peter Gregory is perhaps better qualified to run a dealing floor than to be the tax and financial planning expert at City Merchants Investment Management, the portfolio management arm of MIM Britannia Arrow. After all, he has just returned to the Square Mile after a year at Reading University doing a masters degree in wild life management. Gregory, who already has a degree in zoology, has only this week completed his thesis on DNA "finger-printing" as a means of proving parentage, even though he took up his post with City Merchants two weeks ago. Previously with Hoare Govett Financial Services, he says of his year off: "It was an indulgence. But I had been in the City for 15 years and it was something I wanted to do." Used to having every possible facility on tap during his life in the City, he admits it was difficult to adjust to there being only one photocopier in an eight-storey building full of students. "It made you realize how difficult student life is — but they don't realize it because they've never known anything else," he says. While he reacquaints himself with the luxuries of professional life, he is at least among friends. For Brian Baughan, who was managing director of HGFS, is now in the position at CMIM and two other key HGFS executives — Peter Clark, a top portfolio manager and Nigel Cartwright, the erstwhile company secretary — have also joined the firm.

Carol Leonard

Cracks appear in KKR façade

Any trouble at KKR could have significant effects on the leveraged buyout industry



Pioneers of leveraged buyouts: George Roberts (left) and Jerome Kohlberg, founders of Kohlberg Kravis Roberts

The biggest game on Wall Street in the 1980s has been borrowing money — lots of it — to buy up big chunks of corporate America.

Usually the biggest winners have been the firms which set up the deals, earning huge fees for their troubles.

But cracks are appearing in this glamorous façade. Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, which became a Wall Street superstar by gobbling up dozens of large companies using a mountain of debt, is beginning to falter — and that could presage troubles at other firms.

In little more than a decade, KKR has risen from next to nothing, with $3 million (£1.8 million) of its own to invest, to control an empire comprising RJR Nabisco, the tobacco and food group, supermarket chains such as Stop & Shop and Safeway, and Duracell, the battery maker.

But analysts say several of the firm's recent leveraged buyouts will generate losses or poor returns for investors, or even bankruptcies.

Two companies KKR helped to acquire — SCI Television, with six network stations, and Seaman Furniture, the second-largest national furniture retailer — said they could not meet interest and principal payments. At least two others — Beatrice, the food group, and Jim Walter, the construction firm — look as if they will disappoint investors.

And Owens-Illinois, the glass and plastic company, is not turning out to be the smart buy many expected when the firm acquired it in 1987.

Trouble at KKR could have far-reaching effects.

In response to tumultuous takeover battles, the US Congress is considering new laws to curtail the use of debt. If deals engineered by the most prominent leveraged buyout firm come unglued, it could tip the balance in favour of greater regulation.

Representative Byron Dorgan said: "If a good many of these companies begin to fail, those who have been sceptics will have a substantial amount of ammunition to try to slow this thing down. Those of us who have been moving to disallow interest deduction on junk bonds will be given a substantial boost."

Some of the firm's investors and industry experts say they think the firm will have trouble raising as much money as it has in the past. Both bond investors and bank lenders say they would scrutinize KKR deals more carefully before backing them.

KKR is by no means the only firm whose buyouts are having difficulties. But its reputation, the size of its deals and its pre-eminence make its situation significant.

Since its inception in 1976, KKR has acquired 35 companies at more than $62 billion, which would make up the largest industrial conglomerate in America, a colossus which the firm oversees with just five general partners and 14 associates.

And KKR is as active as ever. It is a potential bidder for UAL, owner of the nation's second-largest airline, BAT Industries and BTR.

Mr Jerome Kohlberg and his former partners, Mr Henry Kravis and Mr George Roberts, are each estimated to be worth more than $300 million. (Mr Kohlberg left the firm in 1987, because of "philosophical differences.")

Mr Kravis, aged 45, has become highly visible on the New York scene. By contrast, Mr Kohlberg, aged 64, who runs his own buyout firm, and Mr Roberts, aged 45, who works from KKR's office in San Francisco, tend to shun the limelight.

Some financial experts now say that the pioneering firm, eager to repeat its successes on an ever larger scale, has strayed from its early investment principles.

Even some of its own investors are concerned that its fees on a deal have grown so enormously — from less than $1 million to $75 million — that KKR is now more interested in doing the next big transaction than in making sure it is a good one.

"I am relatively certain they won't generate the 50 per cent-plus returns that some people used as a basis for investing in leveraged buyouts," said Mr Scott Sperling of Harvard Management, which has invested with KKR since 1982.

A KKR partner, who did not want to be identified, conceded that SCI Television and Seaman were having difficulties, but said they might still work out.

As for returns slipping to 20 per cent, he said: "I don't believe it's going to happen," adding that so meagre a harvest would be "unacceptable." At that level, KKR would join the ranks of more traditional, less risk-oriented managers.

KKR had cited its willingness to put its own money on the line as a key reassurance to outside investors. But of late, its income from fees has dwarfed its money at risk. By 1986, when it put $20 million into its $1.8 billion fund, it made more than $165 million in fees on just three deals.

Of course, some KKR deals could be big winners. Safeway Stores is paying down its debt and increasing operating profits; it could be taken public again soon. And RJR Nabisco looks promising.

But some industry analysts predict that the firm's overall returns are likely to fall considerably below the 30 and 35 per cent that investors have received. (New York Times)

Wang 'to default on $962m debt' as talks proceed

New York — Wang Laboratories has said it will default on almost $1 billion (£645 million) in long- and short-term debt while discussions with its bank lenders continue.

Wang, locked in round-the-clock negotiations to restructure its $962 million debt, indicated that it had failed to meet an extended deadline set for last Wednesday to reach an agreement with its bank creditors.

"They're playing a bit of hardball with their bankers," said Mr John W Adams, an analyst at Adams Harkness, the broker. "The banks are probably looking for more collateral."

Wang, a Massachusetts computer maker, has been struggling to extricate itself from serious financial difficulties. Last week, Mr Frederick C Wang, whose father, Dr An Wang, founded the company, resigned as president, although he remains a director of the company.

The company lost $423.3 million in the year to end-June, and it has been widely reported that it is negotiating to sell at least some of its troubled operations.

Wang is searching for a new president, but one potential candidate, Mr John Cunningham, a former Wang president, said this week that he had no interest in the position and was not discussing it with the company.

He left Wang in 1985 after it became clear that Dr An Wang was preparing to make his son president.

The company's shares fell 50 cents, to $6, in heavy trading of 1.8 million shares on the American Stock Exchange on Wednesday.

Two Wang bond issues also lost ground, trading at 50 and 57 per cent of par, indicating that investors are nervous about whether the company will meet its obligations.

A Wang spokesman said that the negotiations were at a difficult stage and that he could not predict the outcome. Wang's financial condition has been rapidly deteriorating, a source close to the negotiations said. (New York Times)

SEC toughens rules on selling of penny stocks

Washington — The US Securities and Exchange Commission has approved tougher rules for brokers trying to sell risky, low-priced stocks to new customers.

The unanimous decision of the five-member panel is meant to tone down the pressurizing sales tactics of "boiler room operations," where large numbers of brokers sell low-priced, unlisted stocks over the telephone.

"The rule brings us a weapon against this scurrilous conduct," said Mr David Ruder, chairman of the SEC.

The rules, which take effect from January 1, involve only stocks traded on the "pink sheets," exempting those traded on exchanges or by the National Association of Securities Dealers. Also exempted are stocks that trade for more than $5 a share or securities issued by companies with more than $2 million (£1.3 million) in tangible net assets.

Those affected are the so-called penny stocks — low-priced securities, sometimes costing less than a cent a share. Many, but not all, of these are in companies with no operations that promise to use investor funds to make unspecified acquisitions.

The SEC contends that because the securities are not listed on an exchange or quoted on Nasdaq machines, unscrupulous dealers are able to use boiler room operations and other tactics to make enormous profits by manipulating the price of the securities and persuading customers to buy the shares at excessive mark-ups.

Under the new rules, orders of penny stocks that are solicited by the broker cannot be completed until a customer returns a written approval of the order.

The broker will also have to verify the financial situation, investment experience and investment objectives of a new customer and make a written determination about the suitability of the investment for the customer.

Suitability requirements have long been in effect, but the new rule requires the customer to sign a document indicating his financial position and investment objectives.

Public response to the SEC proposal was sharply divided. Some argued that the commission should go further, but some members of the brokerage community expressed concern that the rule might affect legitimate capital-raising by small companies.

The rule will not apply to customers who have made three or more trades in any of the designated stocks over the last year, or who have maintained an account at the brokerage firm in which securities or funds were deposited for more than a year.

Mr Joseph Grundfest, of the SEC, expressed scepticism that the rule would have its desired effect. He called it a "speed bump on a very wide highway" that would not slow down unscrupulous brokers.

"Unless we're able to get in there quickly, while the money is still coming in, and stop the operation while it's ongoing, the odds of really making a dent and getting the money back for investors who are being defrauded are relatively low," he said.

But Mr Joseph Goldstein, head of the SEC enforcement division's new task force on penny stock fraud, said that the rules would provide important records that would aid any investigation of abuse in the low-priced securities market. (New York Times)

Ogilvy loses account worth $20m

From Mike Graham
New York

Ogilvy and Mather has lost its $20 million (£12.9 million) European Polaroid account in London, at a time when it is trying to keep up with aggressive earnings forecasts placed on it by WPP Group.

Ogilvy and Mather has cut back on staff in New York and is considering a payments system for managers that would be linked to balance sheet performance after the $864 million (£557 million) acquisition by WPP in June.

But WPP's goal of a 12 per cent profit level by 1990 is doubted by many New York analysts. One said: "Getting from 8 to 10 per cent will not be any problem. But the real test will come next year."

Sources suggested the move could be because of possible conflicts of interest after the WPP acquisition. Eastman Kodak, a Polaroid rival, is a client of WPP's J Walter Thompson.

Job freeze reported at Saatchi

From Our Correspondent
New York

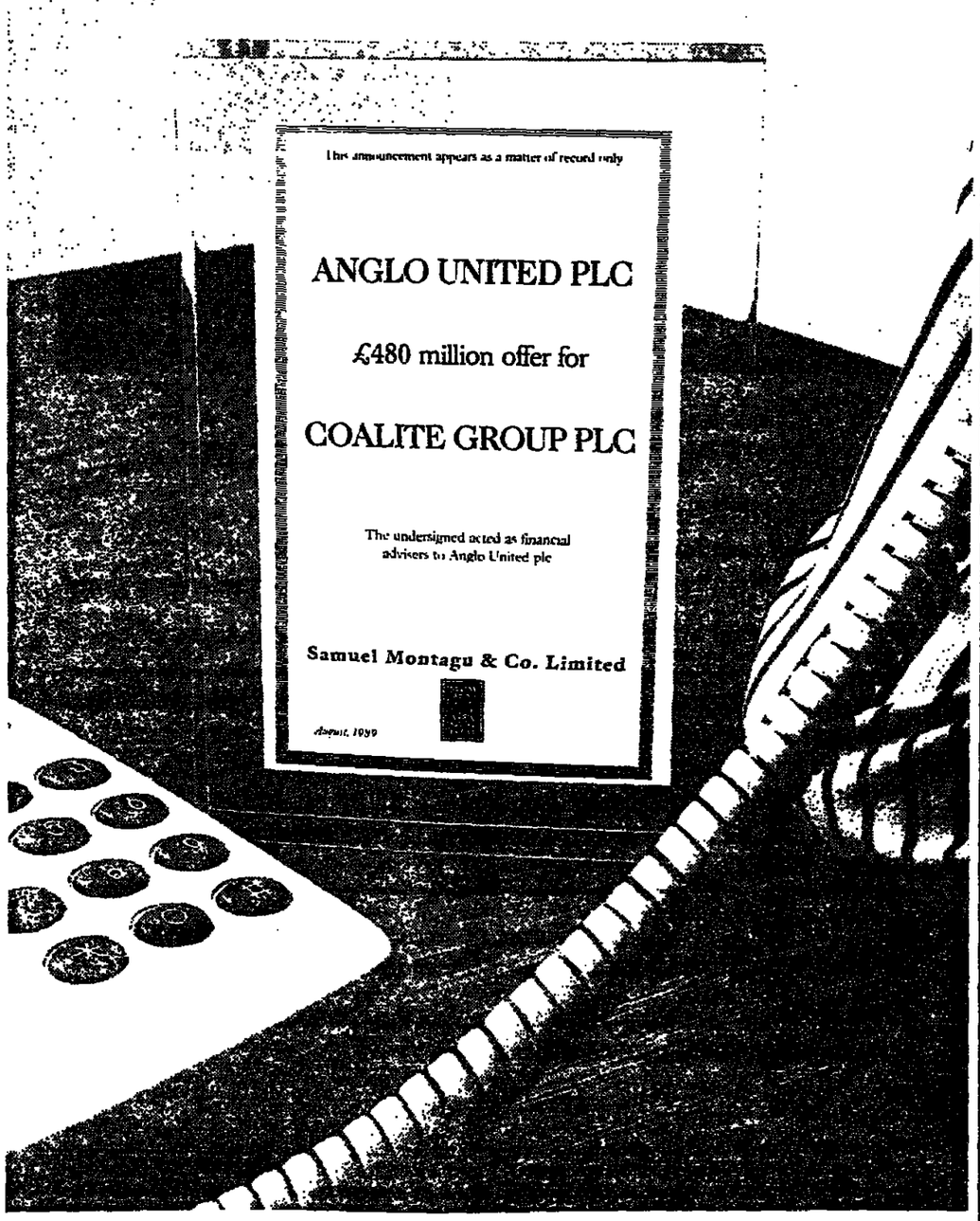
Saatchi & Saatchi is reported to have stopped hiring in New York in an effort to boost its sagging revenues.

Advertising Age, the American magazine, said Saatchi was frantically scrambling to improve its 1989 fiscal year figures which are tallied at the end of September and are expected to be sharply down.

Mr Maurice Saatchi shocked shareholders last June when he announced that the year's first-half earnings showed growth had stopped and parts of the company would have to be sold.

Since then Saatchi has put its Hay Group consultancy up for sale and dismissed dozens of employees. Despite winning half of Burger King's $215 million (£137 million) account, the head count at Saatchis is well below last year.

Saatchi would not comment on reports of cutbacks.



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Davis 'willing to lift UAL bid' as chief seeks buyout talks

Mr Marvin Davis, the Californian billionaire, has said he is willing to raise his bid for the UAL Corporation to $275 (£171) a share from $240.

The move comes as the chairman of the company, Mr Stephen Wolf, had begun to explore the possibility of a buyout of UAL, the parent of United Airlines, with the backing of the pilots' union.

The UAL board was yesterday expected to discuss a possible bid by management or a leveraged recapitalization, under which the company would borrow to make special payments to its shareholders.

In his latest proposal Mr Davis indicated he was prepared to take his bid, now valued at $5.4 billion, to the shareholders. While a spokesman for Mr Davis said the bid should be considered as friendly, he has asked that shareholders be allowed to vote to remove all UAL directors except Mr Wolf.

Under the proposal, the board would be reduced from 16 members to five, including Mr Wolf and four nominees by Mr Davis.

With Mr Davis, the nominees will include his two sons,


Davis: 'friendly' bidder

John and Gregg, and Mr James Kneser. The three are executives with the Davis Cos.

The co-operation of Mr Wolf, who is credited with helping to turn around the company after he became chairman in 1988, is considered by many Wall Street analysts to be essential to the completion of any deal.

"We continue to hope we will be able to work together with the company's board, management and labour groups to arrive at a transaction," Mr Davis said.

In an appeal to the company's unions — the pilots, machinists and flight attendants — Mr Davis said he intended to work closely with them.

Wall Street traders have begun to grow uncertain of the outcome of the UAL talks and for the second day the shares fell, losing $2.50 to $251.75. This followed a gain of more than $90 in under two weeks, on speculation of a bidding war. While some of the largest buyout firms, including Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, have contacted UAL to express their interest in a possible deal, no solid offer has been presented, sources said.

This week, Mr Brian Freeman, financial adviser to the machinists' union, said he had been contacted by several parties, besides Mr Davis, expressing interest in UAL.

He said he would meet representatives of Mr Davis next week to discuss his bid. The union represents 20,000 mechanics and ground service workers at United. Its co-operation, with that of the pilots' union, is considered crucial to a successful takeover.

"We're relatively comfortable with our current position in this process," Mr Freeman said. "No party can do a deal without the machinists."

(New York Times)

STOCK MARKET

S&N rises on stake hopes

Scottish & Newcastle Breweries enjoyed a late rise, amid mounting speculation that Elders IXL, the big Australian brewing group known for its Fosters lager, may have at last found a buyer for its 22 per cent stake.

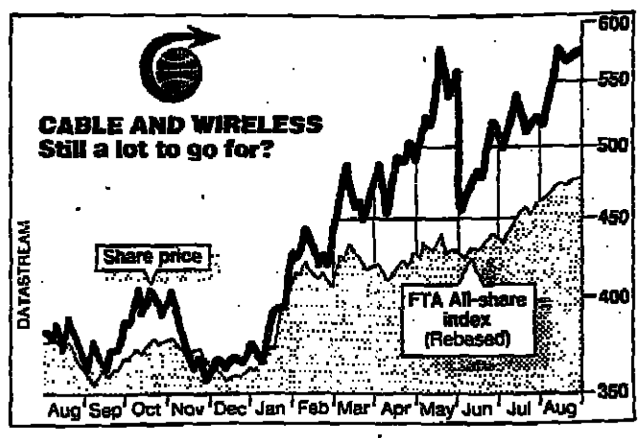
The shares ended the day 6p higher at 409p as more than 4 million shares changed hands. This is close to the level that Elders paid for the bulk of its original stake last year after launching an unwanted, £1.2 billion bid.

However, the bid was later referred to the Monopolies Commission and eventually blocked by the Government which then instructed Elders to reduce its holding to below 10 per cent by the beginning of next year.

The S&N share price has only recently showed signs of recovery to its former levels amid claims that Elders will sell the stake on to another potential bidder. Once again the name of Lowenbrau, the big West German brewing group, has been mentioned. Dealers claim that the opening shot for a bid would be about the 440p level.

The rest of the drinks sector continued to make headway as investors raised their glasses to the news of the sharp rise in wine and spirit sales because of the hot weather.

Gains were seen in Bass, 14p to £11.10, HP Bulmer, 3p to 184p, Devenish, 2p to 339p, Greenall Whitley, 4p to 358p and Wolverhampton & Dudley, 3p to 473p.



Grand Metropolitan sported a rise of 9p to 640p following this week's news of the disposal of Bumble Bee Seafoods for $269 million (£172 million). It brings the value of disposals since January to almost $1 billion.

Elsewhere, market-makers continued to feel the squeeze as a few fund managers attempted to buy stock. Share prices were able to extend Wednesday's gains although they closed below their best levels of the day following a slow start to trading on Wall Street and a further decline in the pound against the dollar.

Some better-that-expected average earnings figures for June and the US trade figures saw the FT-SE 100 index climb by almost 30 points at one stage. It eventually finished 14.2 up at 2,360.0 and has now recovered virtually all the losses stemming from Monday's "correction."

The narrower FT index of 30 shares also gained 13.2 at 1,975.0 as turnover reached 544 million shares.

Dealers point out that institutions are not sellers of stock and this has forced market-makers on the defensive.

But the weak pound cut the ground from under government securities which restricted gains to £⅛ at the longer end.

Among the leaders, ICI eased 7p to £12.81, worried by whispers that its latest heart drug under development has suffered a setback.

Cable and Wireless was an early feature, climbing 13p to 585p on a turnover of 6.5 million shares as the group announced that it had secured the appointment of a senior director from its rival British Telecom, down 2½p at 249p.

Dealers claim that this latest bout of institutional support was prompted by talk of an important review of the company being published by Goldman Sachs, the New York securities house.

Goldman is bullish about Cable and Wirless and has calculated that its share price should be trading at about the 650p level. Goldman was responsible for handling the American end of Racal Telecom's flotation last year. Investors are now hoping it can do the same for Cable and Wireless.

Cable and Wireless recently announced plans to press ahead with an ADR facility for its shares on Wall Street which is likely to boost the appeal of the shares on both sides of the Atlantic.

Plessey firmed 1p to 267p following an attack on its underlying level of profitability by GEC and Siemens in their final offer document. GEC and Siemens claim that last year's earnings included a £5.3 million refund from the pension fund and a benefit of almost £11 million following adjustments in the tax charge. GEC advanced 1½p to 277p.

Pearson, the industrial conglomerate which owns the Lazard Bros merchant bank and the Financial Times, was unchanged at 810p despite the news that Elsevier, the Dutch publisher, had increased its holding by 1.1 per cent to 9.3 per cent. Mr Michael David-Weill, a director of Pearson, has also increased his holding by 3.2 million shares to 9.3 per cent.

Lucas Industries was a strong market, climbing 12p to 715p with broker

BZW, in its latest review of the motor sector, is bullish about the distributors. Demand may have fallen, but supply has, at last, caught up, leading to an increase in registrations. It rates Plaxtons, 1p up at 236p, and Evans Halshaw, unchanged at 260p, as the best buys.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
August 7	August 18	November 9	November 20

Call options were taken out on: 17/8/89 Ferranti, Yorkshire Radio, Merlin, Amstrad, Regentcrest, Tusker Resources, Process Systems, IMC, Rex Williams, Owners Abroad, T Cowie.
Puts: Taylor Woodrow, McCarthy & Stone. Put & Call: Yorkshire Radio.

Hang Seng Bank profit up by 15%

From A Correspondent, Hong Kong

The Hang Seng Bank yesterday declared interim profits after tax and transfer to its secret inner reserve up by 15 per cent to HK$556.2 million (£45 million).

Analysts said the bank's performance was largely in line with market expectations and foreshadowed similar profit levels for its parent, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Sir QW Lee, the chairman of the Hang Seng Bank, said he expected similar results for the full year.

However, despite the satisfactory announcement by the bank, worries are mounting that the banking business in Hong Kong would suffer in the wake of the Tiananmen Square killings in Peking in June.

"The banking outlook in Hong Kong is going to look rather difficult in the coming months as loan demands cool off and interest rates continue easing down, having an impact on margins," said Mr Barry Yates, of First Pacific Securities, the Hong Kong stockbroker.

Mr Yates added that rising non-interest expenses such as staffing costs, inflation and rentals, were likely to reduce the profitability of banks.

Yesterday the Hang Seng Bank directors recommended an interim dividend of 27 Hong Kong cents per share, compared with 23.3 cents last year.

Earnings per share rose from 58.6 Hong Kong cents to 67.4 cents.

The bank's total group assets totalled HK$150,793 million at the end of June, compared with HK$129,665 million six months earlier.

NZ Steel approval expected

Wellington (Reuter) — The statutory managers of Equiticorp International, the collapsed investment company, said they were optimistic Helenus Corp's bid for NZ Steel would receive Commerce Commission approval despite not getting initial commission clearance on Wednesday. Equiticorp holds 80 per cent of NZ Steel.

"The prospects for ultimate Commerce Commission approval remain as they were — very good," Mr Kerry Stotter, an Equiticorp statutory manager, said.

"It is quite usual for the Commission to extend its deliberations from 20 days.

The Commission, which has until December 7 to make a final decision, said on Wednesday it was concerned that the Broken Hill Proprietary Company, a major steel importer to New Zealand, held 31 per cent of Helenus.

TOKYO

Another record for Nikkei

(Reuter) — Market players took a rest after Wednesday's rally and let prices close mixed in light trading. The key, 225-share Nikkei index firmed just 5.96 points to finish at 35,090.11 — a record close for the second day in a row.

The index surged by 273.46 points on Wednesday, closing above 35,000 for the first time. The Nikkei reached a record for intra-day dealings of 35,191.56 shortly after the opening — surpassing the previous record of 35,086.10 achieved on Wednesday — before slumping.

Mr Yasutoshi Kakiuchi, the head of the equity department for James Capel Pacific, said: "After the sudden pitch to a new high, the market needs to pause."

Some investors took profits, he said.

Turnover shrank to about 450 million shares after rising to 550 million on Wednesday. One broker said that buyers were shifting from high-priced blue chips that have been popular since last week to stocks more in the Y1,500 to Y3,000 range. Airline issues, the day's leading sector, soared on market talk that JAL Trading Inc, a 70 per cent-owned subsidiary of Japan Airlines, may list its shares on a Japanese exchange.

NEW YORK

Dow ahead in opening dealings

(Reuter) — Shares opened mixed, with blue chips higher and the broader market showing declines.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 5 points at 2,698.29, but declines outnumbered rises by four to three in the wider market. Traders said that the opening may reflect a turnround in the bond market, which reversed an early rise as traders considered a narrower-than-expected US trade report for June.

The report suggests a strong domestic economy.

● Frankfurt (AP-Dow Jones) — The DAX index fell 4.88 to 1,576.16.

● Singapore — The Straits Times industrial index was down by 1.74 to 1,375.56.

● Sydney — The All-Ordinaries index rose 7.2 to 1,726.7.

● Hong Kong — The Hang Seng index shed 18.92 to 2,616.98. The Hong Kong index fell 12.78 to 1,726.25.

WALL STREET

	Aug 16	Aug 15		Aug 16	Aug 15		Aug 16	Aug 15
AMR Cp	74¾	74¾	Fedders	14¾	14¾	Pennzoil	83	82¾
ASA	42¾	43¾	Fst Chicago	47¾	46¾	Pepsico	58¾	57¾
Aetna Life	59¾	58¾	Fst Int Bncp	64¾	64¾	Pfizer	66¾	65¾
Allied Signal	37¾	37¾	Fst Penn C	13¾	14	Phelps Dod	71¾	71
Alcoa	73¾	72¾	FT Wachva	49	49¾	Philip Mor	158¾	157¾
Amax Inc	27¾	27¾	Ford Motor	51¾	51	Philip Ptrl	23¾	23¾
AMR Hess	39¾	38¾	GAF Cp	n.a	n.a	Polaroid	46¾	46¾
Am Brands	77	76¾	GTE Cp	57¾	58¾	Primerica	27¾	27
Am Cynmd	58¼	58	Gen Cp	18	18¾	Proct Gble	124¾	125¾
Am Ele Pwr	30	29¾	Gn Dynam	59¾	58¾	Pub SE Gr	27¾	27¾
Amexs	38¾	37	Gen Electric	57¾	57¾	Raytheon	79¾	79
Am Family	15¾	16	Gen Inst	32¾	32¾	Rynlds Metl	56¾	56¾
Am Home	99¾	98¾	Gen Mills	68¾	67¾	Rockwell Int	22¾	23
Am Int Grp	94¾	94	Gen Motors	45¾	45¾	Royal Dutch	67	67¾
Am Teleph	39¾	38¾	Gen Pub Ut	40¾	40¾	Scecorp	36	35¾
Amoco	46¾	46¾	Genesco	7¾	7¾	S Fe Pac Cp	22¾	23¾
Anheuser B	43¾	42¾	Georgia Pac	54¾	54¾	Sara Lee	58¾	57¾
Arch Dan	30¾	30¾	Gillette	44¾	44¾	Schlumb	42¾	42
Armco Steel	12¾	13¾	Goodrich	62¾	63¾	Scott Paper	48¾	48¾
Asarco Inc	34	32¾	Goodyear	55¾	55	Seagram	79¾	78¾
Ashland Oil	38¾	37¾	Grace Co	35¾	35¾	Sears Roeb	46¾	46¾
Atl Richfld	103	103	Grt Atl Pac	64¾	64¾	Sec Pac	50¾	50¾
Avon Prod	37¾	37¾	Greyhnd	35¾	35¾	Shell Trans	42	41¾
Bk Boston	28¾	28¾	Gruman	20¾	20¾	Sony Cp	62	62¾
Bank NY	52¾	52¾	Gulf Westn	n.a	n.a	SW Bell	55	54¾
Bankamer	31	30¾	Heinz	60¾	60¾	Squibb	110¾	110¾
Bkrs Tst NY	52	51¾	Hercules	48¾	48¾	Sun Comp	38¾	37¾
Baxter	24	23¾	Hewlett Pk	52¾	52¾	TDK	42¾	43¾
Beth Steel	21¾	22	Hilton	106¾	108	TRW Inc	48	47¾
Boeing	53¾	53	Honda	30¾	30¾	Teledyne	369	371
Boise Casc	45¾	46	Honeywell	88¾	88¾	Tenneco	60	59¾
Borden	72¾	70¾	Houshld Int	n.a	n.a	Texaco	53¾	53¾
Bristl Meyr	47¾	47¾	ITT Cp	62¾	61¾	Texas Inst	38¾	38¾
BP	57¾	57¾	INCO	35¾	35¾	Tex Util	32¾	32¾
Broad Inc	11¾	12	Ing Rand Wl	48	47¾	Textron	28¾	28¾
Brunswick	16¾	16¾	Inland Steel	48¾	48	Timken	38¾	38¾
Burl Nth	27¾	27¾	IBM	115¾	116¾	Travelers	43¾	43¾
CBS	210	212¾	Int Paper	55¾	55¾	UAL Cp	251¾	254¾
CMS Engy	33¾	33¾	Jhns & Jhns	51	51¾	USG Cp	4¾	4¾
CPC Int	64¾	64	K Mart	40¾	40	USX Cp	34¾	34¾
CSX Cp	35	35¾	Kerr McGee	47¾	47¾	Unilever Plc	41¾	40¾
Camp Soup	54¾	54	Kimbly Clrk	68	67¾	Un Carbide	28¾	28¾
Can Pacific	22¾	22¾	Knght Ridr	58¾	59¾	Un Pac Cp	77¾	76¾
Caterpillar	63	63	Kroger	17¾	17¾	Unisys Cp	21¾	21¾
Centrl SW	36¾	35¾	LTV Cp	2	2	Unit Brand	15¾	16¾
Champion	36	36	Litton	87¾	87¾	Us West	71¾	72
Chase Man	38¾	38¾	Lockheed	50	50¾	Utd Tech	55	54¾
Chem Bank	38¾	38¾	Lone Star	34¾	35¾	Unocal	48¾	47¾
Chevron	55	55	Man H'nver	41¾	41¾	Warn Lamb	112¾	111¾
Chrysler	25	25	Manville	8¾	8¾	Wells Far	79¾	79¾
Citicorp	32¾	31¾	Mapco	38¾	38¾	Westg El	69	68¾
Clark Eq	41¾	42¾	Marriott	39¾	39	Weyerhsr	31¾	31¾
Coca Cola	66¾	66¾	Mt Marrieta	48¾	48¾	Whirlpool	30¾	30¾
Colgate	58	57¾	Masco Cp	28¾	28¾	Whitman Cp	34¾	34¾
Columb Gas	47¾	48¾	Mcdonalds	29¾	29¾	Whitaker	11¾	11¾
Cmb'tn Eng	32¾	32¾	McDonnell	73¾	73¾	Woolworth	63½	62¾
Cmwlth Ed	37¾	37¾	Mead Cp	43¾	43¾	Xerox Cp	67¾	67¾
Cons Edis	26¾	26¾	Merck	76¾	75¾	Zenith	17¾	17¾
Consol Ng	47¾	47¾	Minsta Mng	79¾	79¾			
Cont Data	19¾	19¾	Mobil	53¾	52¾	**CANADIAN PRICES**		
Corng Inc	41¾	41¾	Monsanto	117¾	115¾			
Crane	32¾	31¾	Montedison	17¾	17¾	Agnco Eag	10¾	10
Curtiss W	58¾	58	Morgan Jp	41¾	41¾	Alcan Alum	28	27¾
Data Genl	15¾	15¾	Motorola	57¾	57¾	Can Pacific	26¾	25¾
Deere Co	61¾	61¾	NCR	62	61¾	Cominco	30	30¾
Delta Air	74¾	74¾	NL Indstrs	24¾	24¾	Con Bathrst	n.a	n.a
Detroit Ed	22	21¾	Nat Med Ent	34¾	34¾	Hawk S Can	26¾	26¾
Digital Eq	101¾	101¾	Nat Semi	7¾	7¾	Hud Bay M	32¾	32¾
Disney	115¾	115¾	Norfolk Sth	37¾	37¾	Imasco	39	38¾
Dow Chem	99¾	100¾	NW Bancrp	n.a	n.a	Imperial Oil	56¾	57¾
Dresser Ind	44¾	42¾	Occid Pet	28¾	28¾	Inco	42¾	41¾
Dupont	117¾	117¾	Ogden Cp	32¾	32¾	Royl Trstco	16¾	16¾
Duke Pwr	51¾	51	Olin Cp	66¾	66	Seagram	93¾	92¾
East Kodak	49¾	50	PPG Ind	43¾	43¾	Shell Can	42¾	42¾
Eaton Cp	64¾	65	Pac Enterp	45¾	45¾	Stelco	23¾	23¾
Emerson El	37	36¾	Pac Gas El	20¾	20¾	Thmsn N 'A'	19¾	19¾
Energy	21¾	21¾	Pan Am	3¾	3¾	Varity Cp	3.25	3.20
Exxon	44¾	45¾	Paramt Cm	61¾	61¾	WCE	19¾	19¾
Farah Inc	7¾	8	Penney JC	65¾	64¾	Weston	44	44¾

AKZO

Akzo nv Registered Office at Arnhem

Report for the 1st half year 1989

Consolidated statement of income	Millions of guilders	January-June 1989	January-June 1988
Net sales		9,258.8	8,161.0
Operating costs		(8,417.8)	(7,413.4)
Operating income		871.0	747.6
Financing charges		(146.1)	(106.7)
Operating income less financing charges		724.9	640.9
Taxes		(263.3)	(233.9)
Earnings of consolidated companies from normal operations, after taxes		461.6	407.0
Earnings from nonconsolidated companies		49.0	50.5
Extraordinary items		3.2	(7.2)
Group income		513.8	450.3
Minority interest		(15.8)	(14.0)
Net income		498.0	436.3
Net income per common share of Hfl 20, in guilders		12.20	10.84
Common stock		816.4	804.8

Sales and income
Net income for the second quarter of 1989 in the amount of Hfl 271 million represents a Hfl 28 million increase relative to the second quarter of 1988. As a result of this positive development, to which nearly all product groups contributed, net income for the first half of 1989 is up 14% to Hfl 498 million, from Hfl 436 million in last year's corresponding period. Net income per common share for the first half of 1989 is Hfl 12.20, against Hfl 10.84 in the first half of 1988. Assuming full payment in stock of the portion of the 1988 final dividend not yet claimed at June 30, 1989, net income per share for the first half of 1989 works out at Hfl 11.91.

At Hfl 4.8 billion, the sales figure for the second quarter of 1989 exceeded the corresponding figure for the prior year by 15%. The Hfl 9.3 billion sales figure realized for the first half of 1989 is equivalent to a 14% rise over the 1988 first-half figure. Shipments growth accounted for 2% of this rise, while higher selling prices and shifts in the product mix accounted for 5%. Acquisitions added 4%, and translation of the sales of foreign Group companies at changed exchange rates produced a gain of 3%.
Operating income for the second quarter of 1989 was Hfl 461 million, or 9.6% of sales — unchanged from the year-earlier period percentage. The margin for the first half of the year was 9.4%, compared with 9.2% in the first half of 1988.

Outlook
The results achieved so far this year make us confident that, if the economy stays healthy and if there are no significant changes in exchange ratios, net income for all of 1989 will be substantially higher than last year's figure.

Arnhem, August 1989
The Board of Management

Sales and operating income by product group break down as follows (in millions of guilders):

Sales	1st half year 1989	1st half year 1988	Operating income	1st half year 1989	1st half year 1988
Chemical products	3,244	2,928	Chemical products	582	526
Fibers and polymers	2,644	2,353	Fibers and polymers	142	140
Coatings	1,747	1,390	Coatings	144	119
Healthcare products	1,313	1,196	Healthcare products	181	170
Miscellaneous products	466	406	Miscellaneous products	25	5
	9,414	8,273		874	760
Intra-Group deliveries	(125)	(112)	Nonallocated items	(3)	(12)
Total	9,289	8,161	Total	871	748

Copies of this report may be obtained from the London Paying Agents: Barclays Bank PLC, Stock Exchange Services Department, 54 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3 AH and Midland Bank PLC, International Division, Securities Services Department, 110-114 Cannon Street, London EC4N 6 AA. The report for the 3rd quarter of 1989 will be published on November 2, 1989.

Marley in launch of £50m issue

Marley, one of the largest manufacturers of building materials in Britain, has set up a £50 million commercial paper programme as a further source of short-term funding.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd is arranging the programme. It is joined as dealers by NatWest Capital Markets and Hill Samuel Bank. Barclays Bank is to act as issue and paying agent.

The first issues are expected to be made early next month.

No referral

The Department of Trade and Industry will not refer Bertrams Investment Trust's £328 million offer for Pentland Industries to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

US toy group

Earnings at Toys 'R' Us, the US toy group, were $23.5 million (£14.9 million), or 12 cents a share, in the second quarter, compared with $23.1 million (12 cents) a year ago, reflecting a 3-for-2 share split in May.

Rentokil buy

Rentokil Group is paying £1.3 million cash for De Smedt and Monsieur, the Belgian tropical plants group.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Abbey National (130p)	149	+2
Alpha Estates (75p)	88	
Ambassador	40	
Babcock Intl (57p)	65½	
Danbury Gp	146	-2
Ensor	105	
Forwell Group (62p)	67	-1
Genesis Emerg	700	
Invicta Sound	205	-10
Lecreuset (135p)	181	+1
Leveraged Opp (100p)	447	
Molyneux Estates	58	
Pacific Property (50p)	46	
Plaxton Group	233	
Polar Electronics	110	
Presidio Oil	370	
Radiotrust	69	-1
Richmond Oil&Gas (105p)	66	
Sleepy Kids (20p)	32	
Sumitomo Tst&Bk	173	
Tavern Leisure (30p)	40	-1
Thorton Asian	111	+1
Treatt	123	+3
Trace Computers (125p)	128	
Umeco (95p)	106	
Unicare	455	
Video Magic Leis (58p)	98	
West Scaffolding (108p)	116	
Yorkshire Radio (200p)	260	-5

RIGHTS ISSUES

Aim N/P	60	-1
Astra N/P	7	-1
Bredero N/P	35	+4
Caspen Oil n/P	1	-½
Control Technique N/P	18	-3
Egerton N/P	8	
Laird Group N/P	29	
Menvier Swaine N/P	60	+2
Nestor N/P	15	+2
Sutherland N/P	5	-2

(Issue price in brackets).

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon (*539)	500	59	74	92	9	18	19
	550	28	44	60	27	35	38
	600	10	24	37	60	63	65
Bass (*1105)	1000	130	148	–	7	17	–
	1050	88	110	–	17	30	–
	1100	55	80	–	35	52	–
Beecham (*567)	427	180	190	–	1	1	–
	484	124	135	–	2	4	–
	541	70	88	–	4	11	–
	600	28	47	68	23	29	33
Boots (*288)	280	37	44	54	2	5	6
	280	22	30	38	5	10	12
	300	11	19	28	14	18	21
	330	3½	9	15	42	43	44
Brit Air (*201)	180	28	32	38	1½	3½	5
	200	14	19	26	7½	10½	13
	220	4½	9½	15	21	23	23
Brit Com (*183)	160	30	35	40	2½	11	13
	180	18	22	30	10	18	22
	200	8	15	21	24	29	32
BP (*295)	260	42	47	–	1½	3	–
	280	23	31	37	3	7	9
	300	10½	19½	26	10	15	17
	330	2	7½	12	35	35	36
Brit Steel (*75)	70	9	13	15	2	3½	4½
	80	3½	7½	9½	7½	9	9½
	90	½	3	5	15½	16	16½
C & W (*585)	500	104	122	142	4	10	16
	550	63	85	107	15	23	30
	600	33	56	77	33	43	51
Cons Gold (*1483)	1400	92	–	–	2	3	–
	1450	43	60	–	5	13	–
	1500	6	10	–	35	36	–
Com Union (*412)	360	62	77	–	1½	5	–
	390	37	52	58	6	10	16
	420	16	32	38	18	21	27
Courtauld (*368)	330	51	57	68	3	6	7
	360	28	36	49	9	12	15
	390	11	20	31	24	26	28
GKN (*469)	390	95	105	115	½	1½	4
	420	65	80	90	2	5	9
	460	33	53	62	12	15	23
Grand Met (*639)	550	100	120	135	3	8	12
	600	60	80	98	12	19	23
	650	28	52	65	32	37	43
ICI (*1278)	1200	121	167	178	11	21	33
	1250	77	130	147	22	33	45
	1300	50	95	115	44	55	69
	1350	28	68	88	75	83	92
Jaguar (*406)	360	57	72	83	6½	10	15
	390	35	53	65	16	19	26
	420	20	38	49	32	35	40
Kingfisher (*337)	330	28	34	45	13	18	22
	360	9	20	29	30	33	35
	390	4	9	19	56	58	60
Ladbroke (*327)	300	39	46	58	4	8	12
	325	19½	30	–	11	18	–
	360	5½	14	24	35	37	38
Land Sec (*600)	550	70	85	100	5	9	12
	600	33	50	68	18	23	28
	650	11	27	–	50	53	–
M & S (*218)	180	45	48	55	1	2½	4
	200	26	32	38	4	6	8
	220	10	18	25	11	13	14
STC (*370)	330	53	68	–	4	7	–
	360	29	46	55	11	15	21
	390	14	29	39	26	31	36
Sainsbury (*265)	240	51	58	65	1	3	4
	260	34	42	49	3	6	7
	280	18	28	35	8	11	13
Shell (*436)	390	53	65	75	4	7	9
	420	28	41	52	9	13	18
	460	8	19	28	33	33	35
Storehse (*134)	130	12	16	20	5	7	9
	140	6	11	15	9½	12	14
	160	2½	5	8½	27	26	26
Trafalgar (*404)	347	69	75	–	1½	4	–
	377	42	49	–	7	12	–
	420	15	23	35	22	30	34
Ultramar (*335)	300	48	60	66	3½	7	10
	330	25	40	46	12	17	20
	360	11	22	30	30	30	34
Unilever (*651)	550	115	130	–	1½	4	–
	600	70	88	103	6	10	16
	650	33	52	68	20	27	30
Utd Bisc (*391)	360	47	57	70	6½	13	15
	390	28	40	51	16	23	26
	420	13	26	38	37	41	44

	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAA (*357)	330	47	55	–	4	8	–
	360	28	35	44	14	20	20
	390	8½	19	29	32	37	37
BAT Ind (*817)	800	72	97	110	40	47	55
	850	48	75	85	65	73	80
	900	28	55	65	100	102	110
BTR (*470)	420	66	80	87	6	10	14
	460	35	53	62	20	23	28
	500	16	33	42	42	45	48
Brit Aero (*706)	650	80	105	–	14	21	–
	700	48	75	90	38	40	50
	750	26	51	65	65	70	78
Brit Tele (*259)	240	28	31	40	3	5	6
	260	14	19	26	8½	12½	14
	280	5	10	16	24	25	26
Cadbury (*409)	390	45	63	75	14	18	22
	420	28	47	58	30	33	37
	460	15	30	38	55	58	62
Guinness (*396)	600	107	123	–	3	5	–
	650	65	83	93	10	14	18
	600	33	52	62	28	32	37
GEC (*277)	240	46	53	–	2	4	–
	260	29	37	44	5	6	7
	280	17	23	31	10	13	15
Hanson (*235)	180	62	62½	–	1	1½	–
	200	42½	43	–	1	2	–
	220	25	27	34	3	7	7
	240	11½	16	22	10	14	16
LASMO (*504)	479	55	–	–	13	–	–
	500	40	63	78	23	25	28
	550	20	38	47	53	55	55
P & O (*668)	650	62	85	95	20	27	33
	700	37	57	67	42	50	57
	750	18	35	47	80	82	90
Pilkington (*257)	220	46	51	–	2	4	–
	240	30	35	43	6	9	11
	260	17	23	32	12	16	19
Plessey (*267)	240	31	33	–	½	2	–
	260	12	14	16	2	4	5½
	280	3	4	5	15	15	15
Prudential (*205)	180	31	37	39	2	3	5
	200	18	23	25	7	9	11
	220	6	13	15	17	19	21
Racal (*214)	195	32	–	–	5	–	–
	210	21	30	37	10½	13	16
	230	11	20	27	20	25	27
	250	6	12	–	38	39	–
RTZ (*559)	493	80	100	–	5	7	–
	542	42	63	–	14	18	–
	600	16	32	42	50	52	57
Scot & New (*403)	360	63	73	85	11	16	18
	390	42	55	67	22	27	30
	420	26	40	53	37	43	47
Tesco (*212)	180	38	45	–	3	4	–
	200	21	28	33	6	8	9
	220	10	17	20	15	16	17

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Puts Sep	Puts Nov	Puts Jan
ASDA (*200)	180	25	30	38	3	6	7
	200	10	17	25	8	12	13
	220	4	10	16	21	23	24
Gateway (*237)	200	–	33	–	1	1	–
	220	13	13	–	1	1	–
	240	1	1	–	–	11	–
Abbey Nat (*150)	140	13	17	21	1½	2½	3
	160	3	6	9	11	12	13
	180	1	2½	4	31	31	31

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Amstrad (*74)	60	18	21	24	1	2½	4½
	70	11	14	18	3½	5½	7½
	80	5½	9½	13	8	11	13
	90	2½	6	9	17	17	19
Barclays (*518)	460	70	88	102	1½	5	8
	500	32	58	70	4	13	17
	550	9	27	41	32	36	40
Blue Circ (*285)	230	38	–	–	1½	–	–
	250	21	30	39	6	9	11
	275	7	16	25	17	21	23
	300	2	8	15	38	40	42
Brit Gas (*212)	180	34½	41	43	½	1½	3
	200	15	23	27½	2	4	7
	220	4	11½	14½	10½	13	15
Dixons (*166)	140	29	36	40	2	4	6
	160	13	23	28	6	10	13
	180	5½	12	18	18	20	23
Glaxo (*1530)	1400	154	187	232	6	16	28
	1450	112	149	197	12	28	40
	1500	72	113	162	22	45	60
	1550	40	80	137	44	67	80
Hawker (*768)	700	75	95	119	6	16	20
	750	36	62	87	17	30	37
	800	13	37	57	46	57	60
Hillsdown (*305)	260	50	58	67	1	3	4
	280	32	42	52	3	7	9
	300	14	29	37	9	14	16
Lonrho (*297)	257	44	54	–	2	4	–
	283	24	36	–	5	12	–
	309	8	22	–	19	24	–
Midland (*350)	300	60	69	–	1	3	–
	329	31	46	–	2½	7	–
	357	12	–	–	13	–	–
	390	2½	14	–	38	39	–
R-Royce (*186)	180	12½	18½	25	4	8	10
	200	3	9	15½	17	19	22
	220	½	4	8½	35	35	36
Sears (*127)	110	19	23	28	1	1½	3
	120	11	15	19	2½	5	6½
	130	4½	8½	13	6	9	10½
THF (*339)	330	22	33	41	8	15	18
	360	6	19	26	25	30	34
	390	3½	6	16	53	56	57
Thorn EMI (*821)	750	85	112	129	3½	11	16
	800	44	74	95	14	25	30
	850	20	46	64	36	44	52
TSB (*111)	100	14	17	21	1	2½	3
	110	5	10	12	3	4	5½
	120	1½	4½	6	11	11	12
Vaal Reefs (*$80)	70	14	17	18	1½	3¾	4½
	80	5	8	10	3½	6	8
	90	1½	5	8	10	11	13
Wellcome (*506)	460	65	83	100	4	11	16
	500	33	53	75	17	28	30
	550	11	30	48	43	50	55

FT-SE INDEX (*2367)

Series	Calls Aug	Calls Sep	Calls Oct	Calls Nov	Puts Aug	Puts Sep	Puts Oct	Puts Nov
2100	270	278	297	307	2	5	8½	12
2150	220	232	250	262	2	7	12½	16
2200	171	185	205	218	2½	12	18	23
2250	119	138	157	178	6	18	29	34
2300	73	99	123	140	12	31	40	48
2350	33	63	90	107	30	48	61	69
2400	12½	36	62	79	60	74	80	92

August 17, 1989 Total: 33894 Calls 23161 Puts 10733 FT-SE: Calls 2868 Puts 4074
*Underlying security price.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	811	Cookson	2,532	Lloyds	1,354	Scot & N	4,402
Alld-Lyons	2,993	Courtaulds	1,167	Lloyds Abb	1,922	Sears	5,285
Amstrad	3,690	Dalgety	126	Lonrho	2,107	Sedgwick	394
ASDA	2,801	Dixons	1,881	Lucas	1,489	Shell	1,502
AB Foods	297	ECC	429	Magnet	2	Siebe	489
Argyll	2,979	Enterprise	911	M&S	3,698	Slough	2,047
BAA	934	Ferranti	2,897	Maxwell Cm	77	Smith & N	1,927
BET	836	Fisons	1,658	MB Group	1,137	SK Beecham	105
BTR	5,161	FKI Babck	1,072	MEPC	489	Smith WH	879
BAT	7,077	Gateway Cp	550	Midland	3,312	Smiths Ind	321
Barclays	1,892	Gen Acc	1,026	Nat West	4,799	STC	1,444
Bass	578	GEC	4,288	Next	1,425	Stan Chart	2,837
Beazer	389	Glaxo	781	Nth Food	229	Storehse	3,829
Beristd Intl	1,828	Globe Inv	524	P&O	987	Sun Allnce	2,733
BICC	551	Glynwed	113	Pearl	808	T & N	238
Blue Arrow	5,298	Granada	100	Pearson	525	Tarmac	5,420
Blue Circle	1,670	Grand Met	2,453	Pilkington	3,706	Tate & Lyle	983
BOC	2,641	GUS 'A'	192	Plessey	204	Taylor Wood	531
Boots	885	GRE	886	Poly Peck	367	TSB	930
BPB	1,476	GKN	2,701	Prudential	1,362	Tesco	4,473
Br Aero	451	Guinness	3,411	Racal	2,243	Thorn EMI	1,126
Br Airways	6,303	Hamm 'A'	208	Racal Tele	270	Trafalgar	2,952
Br Comm	1,220	Hanson	5,129	Rk Howis	319	THF	1,048
Br Gas	6,453	H & C	2,186	Rank	820	Ultramar	529
Br Land	1,440	Hawker	938	R&C	285	Unigate	704
Br Petrol	4,745	Hillsdown	5,145	Redland	414	Unilever	617
Br Steel	12,128	IMI	1,717	Reed	2,454	United Bis	1,262
Br Telecm	24,398	ICI	1,407	Reuters	520	Utd News	485
Bunzl	1,540	Inchcape	826	RMC Gp	292	Wellcome	7,051
Burmah	589	Jaguar	2,445	RTZ	2,788	Whitbrd	156
Burton	1,389	Kingfisher	2,895	R-Royce	3,287	Williams	3,473
C&W	6,486	Lasmo	1,363	Rothmn 'B'	1,096	Willis Fab	103
Cadbury	2,563	Ladbroke	1,200	Royal Bank	490	Wimpey G	307
Coats	3,798	Land Sec	671	Royal Ins	4,946		
CU	1,434	Laporte	143	Saatchi	1,631		
Cons Gold	20	L&G	1,833	Sainsbury	633		

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THE "SHELL" TRANSPORT AND TRADING COMPANY, p.l.c.

Notice is hereby given that a balance of the Register will be struck on Tuesday, 5th September, 1989 for the preparation of the half-yearly dividend payable on the FIRST PREFERENCE SHARES for the six months ending 30th September, 1989. The dividend will be paid on 3rd October, 1989.

For Transferees to receive this dividend, their transfers must be lodged with the Company's Registrar, Lloyds Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, Goring-by-Sea, Worthing, Sussex, not later than 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 5th September, 1989.

Shell Centre London SE1 7NA 18th August, 1989
By Order of the Board V.A. Wadham Company Secretary

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Good gains

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began August 14. Dealings end September 1. §Contango day September 4. Settlement day September 11.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/ earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks.
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THE TIMES Portfolio Bond

YOUR SCORE CHART

ENTER THE MOVEMENTS OF THE SIX SHARES ON YOUR BOND CERTIFICATE (IGNORING FRACTIONS) IN THE BOXES BELOW AND TOTAL THEM TO FIND YOUR DAILY DIVIDEND FIGURE

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Totals

NOTE
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ELECTRICALS

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Chng	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
91	70	AC Hldgs	75	80	..	1.3	1.7	13.2
311	246	Abingworth	308	313	+1	1.7	0.5	..
58	44	Aitken Hume	53	58	● ..	0.7	1.3	..
112	72	Ass Hearings	110	114	+10	3.3	2.9	28.7
250	187	Authority Inv	200	210	● ..	10.0	4.9	8.1
190	152	Baltic	160	165	..	4.5	2.8	8.2
285	210	Berkeley Govett	195	205	● ..	..	..	..
241	152	Br Commonwealth (aa)	182	184	..	12.3	6.7	7.0
101	83	Burns-Anderson	95	99	+1	5.5	5.6	12.7
23¼	16¼	Camellia	22½	24	..	28.7	1.1	46.8
673	154	Candover	315	320	+25	6.0	1.9	48.9
82	55	Dawnay	75	85	..	2.0	2.5	11.9
82	60	Dewsoon Int	78	80	● -1	7.5	12.3	9.5
445	402	Harvest/Thompson	440	450	..	17.3	3.9	15.7
78	30	IFICO	28	33	..	3.3s	10.6	4.5
160	125	Ivory & Sime	132	137	..	7.7	5.7	21.7
149	106	LIT	113	118	..	10.0	8.7	15.7
261	205	Majedie	259	262	+2	8.7	3.3	39.2
121	100	Nat Home Loans	115	125	-1	9.4	7.8	10.9
84	62	Newmarket	61	64	..	..	..	..
80	45	Parrish Plc	72	82	+2	..	..	..
135	80½	Rit Cap Prtnrs	121	124	+1	2.2	1.8	55.9
160	85	Silvermines Plc	134	144	..	..	..	..
80	64	Singer & Fried	74	77	+1	2.7	3.6	13.7
28½	10¼	Smiths	19½	20½	s +¼	..	..	..
215	118	Templeton Strb	212	217	+5	4.3	2.0	..

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Chng	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
29¾	14¼	American Express	25½	..	..	..	..	..
151	104	Britannia Arrow	128	132	..	7.3	5.6	15.7
343	218	Electra	335	337	-½	6.8	2.0	74.8
318	223	Frost Gp	305	310	..	14.0	4.5	17.2
144	112	Goode Durrant	125	132	● -1	6.0	4.7	9.9
830	625	Henderson Admin	725	755	+5	40.0	5.4	19.5
83	50	ICH	48	58	..	6.0	11.8	4.8
108	81	MAI	103	105	+1	5.7	5.5	10.2
665	325	MAM	590	610	..	20.0	3.3	14.4
350	282	M & G	347	352	+3	12.7	3.6	17.4
48	37	Rutland	39	41	..	0.8	2.0	14.1
169	84	South Nav Cost	118	125	..	2.0	1.6	..
146	95	Tyndall Hldgs	104	108	-1	7.3	6.9	25.2

FOODS

HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Chng	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
57	47	Bellhaven	52	54	● ..	1.5	2.8	18.2
292	255	Friendly Hotels	278	285	● ..	3.6	1.3	12.5
338	213	Ladbroke (aa)	327	330	s -3	10.9	3.3	17.1
43	32	Norfolk Cap Gp	35½	36	+1	0.7	2.0	32.5
100	73½	Mount Charlotte	92	94	s -½	2.5	2.7	19.2
132	81	Queens Moat	119	121	+5	3.0b	2.5	17.9
880	600	Savoy Hotels 'A'	865	885	..	7.3	0.8	30.4
116	91	Stakis	113	115	● +1	2.7	2.4	17.1
360	242	TRUSTHSE FT (aa)	338	341	-2	11.2	3.3	19.3

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LEISURE

MINING

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Chng	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
115	72	Accord	90	97	-1	4.5	4.8	12.9
170	135	Adscene	150	155	..	6.4	4.2	17.1
393	235	Barbour Index	360	375	● +5	12.7	3.5	17.0
495	395	Black (A&C)	450	500	..	18.7	3.4	15.9
368	265	Bristol	343	353	+3	14.0	4.0	16.9
254	148	Builder Gp	225	230	..	3.9	1.7	14.2
60	49	Burtons	55	56½	..	0.7	1.3	29.5
98	45	Daily Mail	65	67	+1	101.	1.5	27.1
65	44	Daily Mail 'A'	63	65	+1	101	1.5	28.3
269	195	EMAP	257	260	..	7.5	2.9	16.0
553	543	Haynes Publishing	545	570	+5	24.0	4.3	17.6
490	242	Home Counties	287	297	..	8.0	2.7	11.7
192	98	Int Bus Comms	145	150	..	5.5f	3.7	11.2
580	313	Independent	465	485	● ..	..	..	..
231	167	Maxwell Comm (aa)	191	194	● -1	19.2	9.9	10.1
833	420	News Corp	820	840	..	..	..	..
398	212	NEWS INTL	382	385	+3	8.6	1.7	..
830	639	Pearson (aa)	805	815	..	24.0	3.0	14.7
347	243	Portsmouth Sund	340	350	..	9.2	2.7	12.1
470	362	Reed Int (aa)	466	468	+7	16.0	3.4	13.5
175	140	Southnews	138	143	..	6.4	4.5	11.4
10⅞	636	Thomson Corp	10	10¼	● -½	..	..	..
222	175	Trinity Int	195	205	..	8.0	4.0	12.1
505	371	Utd Newspapers (aa)	499	505	..	27.3	5.4	13.5

OILS, GAS

OVERSEAS TRADERS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Chng	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
461	273	Antofagasta	457	464	+4	17.3	3.8	8.8
69	42	Boustead	63	64	+½	1.5	2.4	17.1
166	118	Chilington	147	154	..	10.7	7.1	7.9
118	105	Finlay (James)	111	113	-2	5.5	4.9	21.5
182	151	Harrison Crosfld (aa)	168	173	+1	10.3	6.1	12.4
330	222	Inchcape (aa)	295	297	+1	12.3	4.2	13.6
322	265	Lonrho (aa)	285	286	● +1	19.8	6.7	14.8
59	41	Ocean Wilson	46	51	-1	3.3	6.7	18.3
333	291	Paterson Zoch	318	323	..	10.5	3.3	15.4
333	291	Do 'A'	318	323	..	10.5	3.3	15.4
351	253	Poly Peck (aa)	292	296	+1	12.2	4.1	6.8
117	82	Sime Darby	99	104	..	..	..	..
133	89	Tozer Kemsley	122	123½	+1	4.9	4.0	11.2

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

PROPERTY

SHIPPING

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Chng	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
650	444	Assoc Br Ports	620	624	+4	13.3	2.1	18.5
402	355	Caledonia	390	395	+2	13.3	3.4	20.1
206	163	Clarkson (H)	198	203	+2	8.3	4.1	12.5
141	126	Fisher (James)	138	143	..	5.3	3.8	16.8
210	155	Graig	203	213	● -2	5.3	2.5	14.1
81	68	Jacobs (J)	77	80	..	5.7	7.2	35.0
227	181	Mersey Docks	187	192	+2	..	..	6.6
383	257	OCEAN TRANS	353	382	+1	15.6	4.4	16.7
730	520	P & O Dfd (aa)	685	690	+6	34.0	4.9	13.4
106	93	P & O 5.5%	92	97	+2	7.3	7.7	..
465	333	Runciman (Walter)	460	470	+3	14.0	3.0	16.3
539	414	Tiphook	495	500	r +5	9.3	1.9	16.3
305	215	Turnbull Scott	297	307	..	8.0	2.6	15.8

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Chng	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
94	59	Headlam	71	78	..	2.9	3.9	11.1
216	113	Lambert Howarth	165	175	..	12.7	7.5	..
303	190	Pittard Garnar	230	238	..	7.9	3.4	..
268	211	Strong & Fisher	213	218	..	16.4	7.6	6.6
310	250	STYLO	285	305	● ..	9.3	3.2	26.5

TEXTILES

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Chng	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
936	447	BAT (aa)	813	820	-6	26.8	3.3	14.8
145	120	PJ Carroll	132	142	..	..	..	..
898	424	Rothmans 'B' (aa)	860	865	● +12	18.4	2.5	12.7

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
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Gilt/Fixed	113.4	120.3	+0.5	8.31
High Inc Equity	143.7	152.9	+1.2	4.15
W'wide Bond	208.0	215.1	+1.3	4.93
Amer Growth	196.3	210.0	+0.5	0.90
Asian Pacific	108.0	114.9	-0.3	1.13
Assets/Earns	165.5	177.1	+1.2	2.09
Capit Res	87.15	87.25	+0.07	4.58
Comm/Energy	112.8	120.5	+0.7	1.58
Euro Capit	93.22	99.18	-0.13	0.78
General	186.9	199.9	+1.5	2.50
Japan	116.8	125.0	-0.4	0.00
UK Gth Inc	148.5	158.7	+0.6	1.22
Do Acc	215.1	223.9	-1.7	1.22
US Emerg Cos	56.82	60.45	+0.43	0.00
Income/Gth	326.2	347.1	+2.8	2.85
Mastertst Acc	90.99	97.32	+0.22	1.75
Amer Inc	55.86	59.43	+0.27	4.61
Ethical	51.80	55.11	+0.29	1.81
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580				
30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ Tel: 01-374 6601				
Am Inc/Gth	33.79	36.07	+0.22	2.97
Euro	69.03	73.69	-0.27	0.00
Euro Inc	66.67	71.17	-0.22	2.79
Exmpt	851.6	888.6	+8.9	1.91
Extra Inc	45.61	48.97	+0.41	4.35
F/E Emerg Ec	52.72	56.47	+0.57	0.54
Invest	134.2	143.2	+0.3	2.08
Do Acc	208.9	223.0	+0.5	2.10
Gt/Fxd Interest	22.57	24.09	-0.06	10.14
Inc Growth	78.44	83.73	+0.86	3.71
Intl Inc	67.21	71.74	+0.23	4.88
Jap & Genrl	203.7	217.4	-0.9	0.00
Pacific	391.8	419.7	+3.1	0.54
Secure Inc	211.2	225.5	+1.7	5.57
Smlr Cos	63.95	68.27	+0.21	2.07
Spec Sits	76.32	81.46	+0.35	1.26
UK Growth	40.76	43.51	+0.31	2.21
UK Top 100	27.84	29.51	..	2.90
World Gth	53.43	57.03	+0.29	0.26
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS				
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 614514 dealing 0793 610366				
High Inc	359.4	382.7	+1.7	4.40
Equity Inc	203.4	216.8	+1.1	4.31
High Yield	213.6	227.4	+1.2	4.45
Balanced	516.7	550.2	+4.0	2.80
Am Inc	37.78	40.22	+0.58	3.65
World Ass Val	36.53	38.90	+0.28	1.33
Japan	174.3	185.2	+1.1	0.01
Sec of Am	261.9	278.6	+4.5	0.70
Asset Value	404.1	430.3	+1.7	3.01
O'seas Earn	265.3	282.5	+1.6	2.65
Recov	123.6	131.6	+0.5	2.50
UK Spec Sits	318.6	339.3	+2.2	2.64
Smlr Cos	185.9	197.9	+0.3	2.50
Capit	314.3	334.7	+2.2	2.59
Am Spec Sit	88.70	94.46	+1.47	1.30
Intl	114.9	122.3	+0.9	1.05
Growth/Inc	186.5	198.6	+1.0	3.08
Euro Gth	23.85	25.40	+0.05	0.12
Pacific	285.4	303.9	+2.2	0.44
2nd Smlr Co	196.8	209.5	+1.4	2.10
BARCLAYS UNICORN				
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544				
Capit	98.17	104.7	+0.96	3.09
Euro Gth Inc	93.39	99.82	-0.05	0.58
Extra Inc	111.1	118.5	+1.0	4.72
General	209.4	223.4	+1.8	2.94
Gt/Fxd Income	52.14	53.89	-0.46	10.06
Inc Trust	494.5	527.6	+4.8	3.88
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 01-658 9002				
Am Sm Cos	60.35	64.03	..	1.10
Australia	73.60	79.02	..	1.50
Convertible	53.82	57.10	..	6.50
East	116.7	124.4	..	1.10
Equity Inc	79.36	84.20	..	6.20
Euro Gth	168.2	178.4	..	1.40
Euro Smlr Cos	173.3	183.8	..	0.40
Exmpt	66.52	70.93	..	2.80
Growth/Inc	93.60	99.99	..	2.50
Do Acc	150.9	158.3	..	2.50
Global Gth	78.95	83.77	..	0.10
Jap Spec	191.0	203.1	..	0.00
Jap Sunrise	181.4	192.8	..	0.00
1st N Am	62.64	66.46	..	1.40
UK Growth	69.44	73.67	..	2.40
UK Smlr Cos	102.7	108.9	..	1.20
Select Man Fd	57.37	60.86	..	1.20
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144				
Financial	169.5	182.2	+0.7	3.94
Smlr Cos Acc	362.3	393.1	+0.3	0.90
Do Inc	226.8	245.9	+0.2	1.28
High Inc	90.82	97.84	+0.16	5.70
Income	116.3	125.3	+0.4	5.34
Man Portf Inc	100.3	107.9	+2.5	2.84
Do Acc	171.7	184.6	+0.9	2.20
Nth Amer	64.97	69.84	+0.12	0.38
Orient	127.2	136.7	-0.1	0.38
Exmpt	323.7	342.4	+2.3	2.76
Recov	71.47	76.83	-0.05	3.80
German	29.97	32.13	+0.02	1.60
Intl Recov	31.54	33.90	+0.27	2.89
Europe	20.88	22.41	+0.03	3.80
Conv Genrl	26.15	28.15	+0.10	7.25
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT				
First Floor 80 Cannon St London EC4N 6HH Tel: 01-588 2868 01-629 5318 Fax 01 283 0407				
Emer Gth Inc	67.35	71.22	+0.06	2.28
Do Acc	68.88	72.84	-0.02	2.28
Fellowship Inc	70.09	74.57	+0.39	2.54
Genrl Inc 4	338.2	358.8	+2.9	2.74
Do Acc 4	571.4	606.3	+4.9	2.74
Inc Fund 3	175.0	185.7	+1.5	4.62
Do Acc 3	341.3	362.1	+2.9	4.62
Intl Inc 2	128.7	136.1	-0.6	1.66
Do Acc 2	177.0	187.2	+0.8	1.66
Smlr Inc 5	121.8	129.2	..	1.66
Do Acc	133.8	142.0	-0.1	1.66
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 01-480 7216				
Strt Gt Fxd Int	53.92	54.73	+0.01	2.88
CANNON FUND MANAGERS				
1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8876				
Growth	41.06	43.91	+0.36	2.31
Income	50.82	54.35	+0.35	3.78
Far East	40.11	42.87	-0.08	0.05
Nth Amer	39.71	42.47	+0.05	1.89
Global	57.03	60.87	+0.52	1.82
European	60.01	63.84	+0.50	0.84
Japan	115.2	122.6	-0.2	0.01
Strategic Opp	56.00	59.89	+0.21	1.22
Do Acc	65.76	68.35	+0.28	3.02
Intl Currency	44.56	47.35	+0.04	6.34

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THIRD MARKET

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 91.0 (day's range 90.8-91.3).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for August 17

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.5595-1.5740	1.5595-1.5605	0.63-0.62pr	1.86-1.84pr
Montrl	1.8418-1.8534	1.8425-1.8461	0.26-0.21pr	0.53-0.45pr
Amstrdm	3.4569-3.4612	3.4574-3.4612	2-1⅞pr	5½-5⅛pr
Brussels	63.95-64.25	64.05-64.25	30-26pr	84-80pr
Copnhgn	11.8966-11.9378	11.9148-11.9378	4⅝-4⅛pr	12⅝-12pr
Dublin	1.1461-1.1507	1.1467-1.1477	40-34pr	104-91pr
Frankft	3.0654-3.0703	3.0668-3.0703	1⅞-1⅝pr	5⅛-4⅞pr
Lisbon	254.92-256.66	255.60-256.54	17-10pr	24-90ds
Madrid	191.19-192.11	191.27-191.86	8-13ds	14-30ds
Milan	2200.14-2206.30	2202.79-2205.77	3-1pr	8-6pr
Oslo	11.1684-11.2061	11.1684-11.1911	3-2⅝pr	7-6⅝pr
Paris	10.3537-10.3773	10.3629-10.3773	4⅝-3⅞pr	12-11⅝pr
Stckhlm	10.3551-10.4067	10.3691-10.3914	1⅞-1⅝pr	5⅛-4⅞pr
Tokyo	224.09-224.61	224.18-224.48	1⅝-1⅜pr	4⅝-4⅛pr
Vienna	21.54-21.61	21.58-21.61	13-11pr	35-32pr
Zurich	2.6411-2.6466	2.6434-2.6466	1⅞-1⅝pr	4⅞-4pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1014.97-1023.44
Australia dollar	2.0603-2.0644
Bahrain dinar	0.5905-0.5985
Brazil cruzado *	3.5477-3.5672
Cyprus pound	0.7875-0.7975
Finland markka	6.6590-6.9260
Greece drachma	262.65-265.85
Hong Kong dollar	12.182-12.193
India rupee	26.12-26.42
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4680-0.4740
Malaysia ringgit	4.1868-4.1942
Mexico peso	3925-4025
New Zealand dollar	2.6584-2.6693
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8665-5.9485
Singapore dollar	3.0550-3.0612
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4442-6.5844
S Africa rand (com)	4.3108-4.3215
U A E dirham	5.7450-5.8250

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.3575-1.3590	Denmark	7.6275-7.6325	Italy	1411.0-1412.0
Singapore	1.9580-1.9610	W Germany	1.9658-1.9668	Belgium (Com)	41.07-41.12
Malaysia	2.6830-2.6860	Switzerland	1.6940-1.6950	Hong Kong	7.8070-7.8080
Australia	1.3203-1.3220	Netherlands	2.2160-2.2180	Portugal	164.20-164.40
Canada	1.1815-1.1825	France	6.6300-6.6350	Spain	122.80-122.90
Sweden	6.6425-6.6475	Japan	143.60-143.70	Austria	13.83-13.84
Norway	7.1550-7.1600				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 14 Finance Hse 14½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 13⅞ Low 13 Week fixed: 13⅞
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 13^{15}/$_{32}$ 3 mth – 13^{5}/$_{16}$
Selling: 2 mth – 13^{13}/$_{32}$ 3 mth – 13⅞
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 13^{9}/$_{16}$-13^{17}/$_{32}$ 2 mth: 13⅞-13^{7}/$_{16}$ 3 mth: 13^{11}/$_{32}$-^{9}/$_{32}$ 6 mth 12⅞-12^{11}/$_{16}$
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 14^{3}/$_{16}$ 2 mth: 14⅛ 3 mth: 13^{31}/$_{32}$ 6 mth 13⅞
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 13⅞ close 13
1 week: 13^{13}/$_{16}$-⅞ 1 mth: 13^{13}/$_{16}$-13⅞ 3 mth: 13^{13}/$_{16}$-13⅞
6 mth: 13⅞-13⅞ 9 mth: 13⅞-13⅞ 12 mth: 13^{9}/$_{16}$-13⅞
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 13⅞ 7 day: 13⅞ 1 mth: 13⅞
3 mth: 13⅞ 6 mth: 13⅞ 12 mth: 13⅞
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 13^{25}/$_{32}$-^{23}/$_{32}$
3 mth: 13^{13}/$_{16}$-⅞ 6 mth: 13⅞-13⅞ 12 mth 13⅞-13
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.95-8.90
3 mth: 8.75-8.70 6 mth: 8.65-8.60 12 mth 8.60-8.55
Building Society CDs (%)
1 mth: 13^{13}/$_{16}$-13⅞ 2 mth. 13^{13}/$_{16}$-13⅞ 3 mth: 13⅞-13⅞
6 mth: 13^{11}/$_{16}$-^{9}/$_{16}$ 9 mth: 13^{7}/$_{16}$-^{5}/$_{16}$ 12 mth: 13^{5}/$_{16}$-^{3}/$_{16}$

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: July 31, 1989. Agreed rates August 26, 1989 to Sept 25, 1989. Scheme I: 14.80 per cent. Schemes II & III: 15.28 per cent. Reference rate July 1, 1989 to July 31, 1989. Scheme IV & V: 13.984 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8^{15}/$_{16}$-^{11}/$_{16}$	8^{15}/$_{16}$-^{13}/$_{16}$	8⅞-8⅞	8^{13}/$_{16}$-^{11}/$_{16}$
Call: 9-8				
Deutschemark:	6^{15}/$_{16}$-^{13}/$_{16}$	7-6⅞	7-6⅞	7-6⅞
Call: 6⅞-5⅞				
French Franc:	9⅛-9	9⅛-9	9^{1}/$_{16}$-8^{15}/$_{16}$	9-8⅞
Call: 9^{1}/$_{16}$-8^{7}/$_{16}$				
Swiss Franc:	9⅛-9	9⅛-9	9^{1}/$_{16}$-8^{15}/$_{16}$	9-8⅞
Call: 7½-6½				
Yen:	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞	5⅞-5⅞
Call: 5⅛-4⅞				

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $365.75-366.25 Close: $365.00-365.50
High: $366.00-366.50 Low: $363.75-364.25

COINS: Per coin (Ex VAT)
Britannia: $376.00-381.00 (£241.00-244.00)
Krugerrand: $364.00-367.00 (£233.50-235.50)
Mapleleaf (1oz): $376.00-381.00 (£241.00-244.00)
American Eagles: $376.00-381.00 (£241.00-244.00)
New Sovereigns: $86.00-87.00 (£55.00-55.75)
Old Sovereigns: $86.00-87.00 (£56.00-55.75)
Platinum: $481.25 (£309.00)
Palladium: $133.50 (£85.70)
Silver: $5.20-5.22 (£3.335-3.350)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 20719		
Sep 89	2387.0	2387.0	2359.0	2381.0	3610
Dec 89	2408.0	2423.0	2405.0	2405.0	473
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 86082		
Sep 89	86.29	86.34	86.26	86.28	4147
Dec 89	86.97	87.09	86.94	86.96	24614
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 51797		
Sep 89	91.28	91.39	91.18	91.21	2477
Dec 89	91.53	91.58	91.28	91.32	7627
Three Month Euro DM			Previous open interest 13303		
Sep 89	93.01	93.01	92.94	92.95	1228
Dec 89	93.07	93.08	92.98	92.98	2040
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 7058		
Sep 89	97-08	97-22	96-11	96-16	5239
Dec 89	97-02	97-02	96-18	96-15	32
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 32177		
Sep 89	97-03	97-16	96-26	96-30	20112
Dec 89	97-07	97-17	96-31	97-01	2135
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 1200		
Sep 89	106.45	106.45	106.26	106.25	45
Dec 89	106.04	106.05	105.88	105.88	409
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 40502		
Sep 89	95.41	95.45	95.07	95.09	24537
Dec 89	95.45	95.49	95.14	95.16	1989

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

WTI failed to gain any ground as sellers were plentiful. Interest in August cargoes of North Sea crudes faded. Gas oil continues firm with demand from Germany.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	16.85	-15
15 day Sep	17.05	+05
15 day Oct	16.90	
WTI Sep	18.90	
WTI Oct	18.40	

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15		196-198	
Gasoil EEC	+2	158-159	+2
Non 1H Sep	+1	157-158	+1
Non 1H Oct		154-155	
3.5 Fuel Oil	-1	86-87	-1
Naphtha	+1	153-155	+1

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL G W Joynson
Sep 154.50-54.25
Oct 153.00-52.75
Nov 152.25-52.00
Dec 152.75-52.25
Jan 150.25-50.00
Feb 147.50-47.00
Mar 144.50-44.00
Vol 13075

BRENT G W Joynson
Oct 16.89-16.86
Nov 16.79-16.77
Vol 6712

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Aug 89 Hi 1435-1430 Low Close 1428
Sep 89 Hi 1505-1498 Low Close 1496
Oct 89 Hi 1565-1560 Low Close 1555
Jan 90 Hi 1595-1592 Low Close 1593
Vol 146 lots Open interest 3435
Dry cargo index 1421 +4 on 16/8/89

LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson
Sep 836-837 Jul 884-880
Dec 866-867 Sep 908-905
Mar 866-867 Dec 930-925
May 878-875 Vol 5467

COFFEE G W Joynson
Sep 760-746 May 812-806
Nov 764-759 Jul 833-831
Jan 772-771 Sep 852-845
Mar 787-786 Vol 1817

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 2525
Oct 302.0-01.6 May 276.0-78.0
Dec 293.0-88.2 Aug 273.6-72.0
Mar 283.8-83.6 Oct 267.0-66.8

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES
WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 228
Sp 107.25 Nv 110.00 Ja 113.40
Mr 116.00 My 118.90 Jn 120.75
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 100
Sp 102.55 Nv 106.40 Ja 109.40
Mr 112.00 My 114.10

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	138.5	139.0
Feb	163.0	163.6
Apr	217.0	216.5
May	236.5	237.0
		Vol 360

SOYABEAN
Oct 134.0-35.5 Apr 136.0-40.0
Dec 135.0-36.0 Jun 135.0-40.0
Feb 137.0-41.0 Aug 135.0-40.0
Vol 600

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices/volume previous day — Rudolf Wolff

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1778.0-1779.0	1766.0-1766.5	522425	Firm
Lead	444.00-445.00	436.00-436.50	87925	Easier
Zinc Hi Gde*	1768.0-1770.0	1665.0-1670.0	48450	Vry Firm
Zinc Spec Hi*	1880.0-1886.0	1725.0-1730.0	103925	Vry Firm
Tin*	8520-8525	8650-8675	1900	Steady
Aluminium Hi*	1742.0-1744.0	1750.0-1755.0	103625	Steadier
Nickel*	12750-12800	12200-12201	247100	Brly Stdy

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)
Live Pig Contract

Mth.	Open	Close
Aug	116.5	115.5
Oct	119.5	119.5
Nov	119.5	119.5
Feb	114.0	114.0

Live Cattle Contract

Aug	115.0	115.0
Oct	118.5	118.5
Nov	118.3	118.7

Vol Pig-36 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on August 17

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	93.28	146.13	116.36
GB (+/–)	+1.67	-3.70	-1.59
Eng/Wal (%)	+8.3	-27.1	-23.3
Eng/Wal (p)	93.28	146.89	116.42
Eng/Wal (+/–)	+1.35	-4.09	-1.66
Scotland (%)	n/a	-4.8	-70.3
Scotland (p)	n/a	144.00	115.80
Scotland (+/–)	n/a	-1.64	-1.64

* Estimated dead carcase weight

Hearsay ban in care proceedings

Bradford City Metropolitan Council v K (Minors)

Before Mr Justice Otton

[Judgment July 31]

Justices were correct when on a preliminary point of law before the hearing of care proceedings relating to twin girls aged five they ruled that evidence of statements made by one twin to a school teacher and to a foster parent could not be adduced as such evidence was in breach of the hearsay rule.

However, the justices erred in law when they decided that the evidence might be admissible as to the state of mind of the maker but was inadmissible as it was their view that the prejudicial effect of the disclosures outweighed their probative value.

Mr Justice Otton, sitting as an additional judge of the Family Division, so held in dismissing the local authority's an appeal by way of case stated from the refusal of Bradford City Juvenile Court to admit in evidence statements made by one twin to a third party.

Mr Patrick Palmer for the local authority; Mr Howard Elgot for the guardian *ad litem*; Mr Jonathan L. Rose for the parents.

MR JUSTICE OTTON said that in January 1988, the local authority instituted care proceedings in respect of twin girls pursuant to section 1(1) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1969. It was alleged that both girls were exposed to moral danger under section 1(2)(c).

Interim care orders were made in respect of both girls and a guardian *ad litem* was appointed.

At the contested hearing in June 1988 the justices were invited by the local authority, before hearing any evidence, to rule on a preliminary point whether certain evidence to be given by a school teacher and a foster parent as to what had been said to them by one twin was admissible.

The justices were not informed of the exact nature of the statements but it was apparent that they consisted of allegations of sexual abuse.

The justices were of the opinion that the evidence proposed to be adduced was in breach of the hearsay rule and could not be adduced. However, the justices, without invitation, also decided that while the evidence might have been admitted to show the state of mind of the maker, they were of the view that the evidence was inadmissible as the prejudicial effect of the disclosures outweighed their probative value.

On July 13, 1988 the justices were invited by the local authority to dismiss the complaints. Wardship proceedings were commenced and the twins were now wards of court.

The questions for the opinion of the High Court were:

1 Were the justices correct in ruling that the evidence of a witness as to the truth of what was being said to her by a child not called to give evidence was inadmissible in proceedings relating to the child under the 1969 Act?

2 If the evidence was not inadmissible under the hearsay rule because it was being sought to establish the state of mind of the child rather than the truth of what was being said, were the justices right to hold such evidence inadmissible on the basis that the prejudicial effect outweighed the probative value?

The statements had not been shown to the court. The court had been informed that the statements contained allegations about the conduct of a close member of the family who was not concerned with their control.

Mr Palmer submitted, *inter alia*, that the refusal of the justices to admit hearsay evidence was erroneous.

He accepted that the hearsay rule did apply generally to the juvenile court but submitted that the rule should be relaxed, particularly in the interests of children, and relied on the fact that in the wardship jurisdiction hearsay evidence should not be excluded.

In the wardship jurisdiction the court was required to balance the interests of the child, of the parties and the requirements of the hearsay rule.

In principle and logic, he submitted, there was no reason why the same approach should not be adopted by justices in care proceedings.

His Lordship had come to the conclusion that because there was a relaxation of the hearsay rule in wardship proceedings that could not be a reason for allowing such a relaxation in care proceedings before justices.

The law was firm. Where a complaint was made to a third person and not in the presence of a party by a person not called as a witness, the ordinary rules of exclusion applied.

Since hearing argument in the present case his Lordship had considered the Court of Appeal judgment in *In re H (a Minor); K v K* (*The Times* June 9, 1989).

It had been held there that the county court, exercising the statutory matrimonial jurisdiction in access and custody proceedings, could not waive the evidential requirements of those proceedings which were not within the exception in section 18 of the Civil Evidence Act 1968.

Was there any assistance from statute law? Care proceedings were civil proceedings.

The Civil Evidence Acts 1968 and 1972 had not applied to care proceedings in the juvenile court: see *R v Wood Green Crown Court, Ex parte P* ((1983) 4 FLR 205). The Evidence Act 1938 did apply.

In the present case the schoolteacher and the foster parent could have given evidence but only in proof of what the child actually said and not as to whether what was said was true or not.

His Lordship disagreed with the contention that the fact a complaint had been made was sufficient for the court when considering whether the children had been exposed to moral danger. There was no statutory route whereby the evidence could be adduced.

On the second question, whether it was open to the justices to come to the conclusion that if the evidence was admissible then it was inadmissible on the basis that its prejudicial effect outweighed its probative value, that was a well established principle at common law in criminal cases. No authority had been cited to the effect that the rule applied to civil proceedings.

His Lordship was satisfied that justices had no residual discretion to exclude evidence once it had been shown that the evidence was admissible.

As Lord Simon of Glaisdale said in *D v NSPCC* ([1978] AC 171, 239): "It must be law, not discretion, which is in command."

In any event the decision was premature as it was difficult to see how the justices could have reached such a decision without looking at the statements.

The answer to the first question was in the affirmative. The justices were correct in ruling that the evidence of a witness as to the truth of what was being said to her by a child not called to give evidence was inadmissible in the care proceedings.

On the second question the justices were in error in law in holding that such evidence was inadmissible on the basis that its prejudicial effect outweighed its probative value.

As the answer to the first question was in the affirmative it followed that the appeal by the local authority failed.

Solicitors: Mr Allen R. Sykes, Bradford; Walker Morris Scott Turnbull, Bradford; T. I. Clough & Co, Bradford.

Reasons for arrest must be adequate

Abbassy and Another v Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis and Others

Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Mustill and Lord Justice Woolf

[Judgment July 28]

A person being arrested without a warrant should be given adequate information of the reason for his arrest.

The question whether the arrested person was reasonably informed of the reasons for the arrest was ultimately a question for the jury which should not be withdrawn from them unless there was no evidence on which the jury could reach a relevant conclusion. It would, therefore, be wrong for the judge to withdraw that issue from the jury on the ground that it was a technical matter.

The Court of Appeal stated allowing in part an appeal by the defendants, Sir Kenneth Newman, Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, WPC Sharon Richardson, WPC Beverly Walter, PC Richard Mardon and PC Charles Griggs, from the decision of Mr Justice Leonard dated May 6, 1988 who gave judgment for the plaintiffs, Mr and Mrs Taleb Abbassy for unlawful arrest and false imprisonment.

The jury awarded Mr Abbassy damages of £750 for assault and £5,000 for wrongful arrest and false imprisonment, and Mrs Abbassy £10,000 for wrongful arrest and false imprisonment.

In July 1983 the plaintiffs were observed by the second, third, fourth and fifth defendants (who were in a police vehicle) to be driving a Mercedes motor car towards Holland Park in an inconsiderate manner.

The police vehicle followed the Mercedes to Holland Park where a discussion took place between Mr Abbassy and WPC Walter about the ownership of the car.

Mr Abbassy was unhelpful and he was told by WPC Walter that he was "being arrested for unlawful possession". Mrs Abbassy intervened to prevent Mr Abbassy from being taken away and she was arrested too. Subsequently, it was established that Mr Abbassy had the authority of the owner to drive the Mercedes.

Mr Peter Thompson for the defendants; Miss Cheryl Williams for the first plaintiff and Mr John Burrett for the second plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said that the appeal raised the following issues: (a) the extent of the obligation on a police constable to inform a person whom he is arresting of the reason for the arrest and

(b) what guidance a judge who was trying an action involving a claim for damages, was entitled to give to a jury in the course of summing up as to the amount of damages it was appropriate to award.

Normally a question as to whether or not a proper explanation of the reason for the arrest had been given by the arresting officer to the person who was being arrested was a question of fact for the jury and not a matter of law for the judge.

However, if on the defendants' own evidence the explanation which was given to Mr Abbassy was not capable of being an adequate explanation, then the judge was entitled to withdraw the issue from the jury and rule as he did that the arrest was unlawful.

Mr Burrett submitted that Mr Abassy was informed that he was being arrested for unlawful possession which was a different offence from taking away a motor vehicle or theft or receiving. Accordingly, Mr Abbassy was informed of an offence which was different from the one for which he was arrested.

His Lordship did not accept that the issue could be determined on that simple basis.

Taking WPC Walter's evidence as a whole it was clear that the offences which she had in mind when arresting Mr Abbassy were the ones relied on throughout by the defendants, namely, theft, receiving and unlawfully taking and driving away. She knew that she had statutory power to arrest for those offences though not the precise statutory provision.

The critical issue was whether the judge was right to conclude that the phrase "unlawful possession" (which clearly referred to the Mercedes) was incapable of properly being regarded by the jury as compliance with the obligation imposed on a police officer to inform the person being arrested in non-technical or precise language the reason why he was being arrested.

That question had to be answered taking into account all the background circumstances since the officer's conduct had to be judged bearing in mind that he was not required to do more than was reasonable in those circumstances.

While it was extremely important to recognize that the right to arrest without a warrant was an infringement of the liberty of the individual, it had also to be borne in mind that police officers had frequently to perform their duties in difficult circumstances when it was unreal to expect them to use precise legal language.

The present case was just the sort where the view which the jury formed of the facts would be decisive.

If the jury concluded that in general terms the description which WPC Walter gave of events was correct, they would be entitled to conclude that she had done sufficient at least to inform Mr Abbassy that he was being arrested for the offence of unlawful taking and driving away the vehicle.

His Lordship therefore regarded the judge's ruling as being wrong. While his Lordship would not have come to the same conclusion as the judge, his Lordship accepted as a matter of fact but not as a matter of law that it was possible, depending on the circumstances, to come to a different conclusion as to the adequacy of the reason for the arrest.

However, as a matter of law it was certainly not possible to say that a jury properly directed were not entitled to come to the conclusion that the reason given was adequate.

On the second issue, his Lordship did not accept that it would not be practical and possible to work out a better system than at present existed with regard to helping juries as to the assessment of damages.

Nor did his Lordship accept that there was only the stark alternative of either giving a jury no assistance in assessing damages other than explaining in general terms the purpose of the award of the different categories of damages and reminding the jury of the need to be fair, or dispensing with juries in relation to issues as to damages.

However a full Court of Appeal in *Ward v James* ([1966] 1 QB 273) presided by Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, went into that issue, examined it in greater depth than would have been appropriate on the present appeal and concluded that the present practice of only giving general guidance should continue.

In those circumstances, it would be wholly inappropriate for his Lordship to seek to overthrow the long established practice which was endorsed in *Ward v James*. Therefore the judge's direction to the jury could not be faulted.

His Lordship would allow the appeal on the false imprisonment cause of action alone and order a new trial of that issue.

Lord Justice Purchas delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Jstice Mustill agreed.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Metropolitan Police; Colin Bishop & Co, Finchley.

Planning conditions survive consent decision

Regina v Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Ex parte Blue Boys Development Ltd and Another

Before Mr Justice Popplewell

[Judgment July 20]

Where a planning authority had made a determination pursuant to section 53 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971, that a change of use of land did not constitute a development of the land so that further planning permission would not have to be granted, that did not affect any conditions on the development of the land which had been attached to a previous planning permission or any prior covenants entered into pursuant to an agreement made under section 52 of the 1971 Act in relation to the same land by the applicant for the section 53 determination.

Mr Justice Popplewell so held in the Queen's Bench Division in rejecting an application for a declaration by Blue Boys Development Ltd, the first applicant, and Barry Allen Titterell, the second applicant, that Blue Boys were entitled to dispose of 12 houses for permanent residential use notwithstanding the conditions imposed on the grant of a previous planning permission or the provisions of a covenant entered into pursuant to section 52 of the 1971 Act between Mr Titterell and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, the respondent planning authority.

Section 23 of the 1971 Act provides: "(1) Subject to the provisions of this section, planning permission is required for the carrying out of any development of land."

Section 53 provides: "(1) If any person who proposes to carry out any operations on land, or to make any change in the use of land, wishes to have it determined whether the carrying out of those operations, or the making of that change, would constitute or involve development of the land and, if so, whether an application for planning permission under this part of this Act, having regard to the provisions of the development order, he may, either as part of an application for planning permission, or without any such application, apply to the local planning authority to *determine that question.*"

Clause 3 of The Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order (SI 1987 No 764) provides: "(1) Subject to the provisions of this Order, where a building or other land is used for a purpose of any class specified in the Schedule, the use of that building or that other land for any other purpose of the same class shall not be taken to involve development of the land."

Mr Clive Newton for Blue Boys; Mr David Lamming for Tunbridge Wells Borough Council; Mr Titterell did not appear and was not represented.

MR JUSTICE POPPLEWELL said that on February 22, 1985 Mr Titterell applied for planning permission for 12 self-catering holiday units on certain land.

On October 1, 1985 the respondent council and Mr Titterell entered into an agreement pursuant to section 52 of the 1971 Act, which was an agreement entered into by a planning authority with any person interested in the land for the purpose of restricting or regulating the development or use of the land and such an agreement might contain incidental and consequential provisions as appeared to the planning authority to be necessary or expedient for the purposes of the agreement.

In that agreement, a number of covenants were entered into. Those included, *inter alia*, a term that the self-catering units should be used only for short-term lettings and not as permanent residential or business accommodation.

On February 16, 1987 there was a further application for planning permission for the construction of 12 "starter homes" on the same land using the same plans as approved under the previous planning application.

On August 10, 1987 Mr Titterell wrote to the planning authority applying for a section 53 determination as to whether a change of use of the property from self-catering short-term lettings to permanent residential use would constitute or involve development of the land, such that further planning permission would be needed.

The planning authority replied in writing that such change of use would not constitute development of the land.

The same letter contained an "advisory note" which stated that the determination only concerned the matter dealt with in the section 53 determination and reminded Mr Titterell that the initial planning permission he had been granted in respect of the same land was subject to a number of conditions and stated that the covenants previously entered into by him under the agreement of October 1, 1985 were not affected by the determination.

On June 1, 1987 the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 came into effect. The effect of that order was to absolve Mr Titterell from applying for planning permission in relation to the change of use since both short-term self-catering holiday units and permanent residential units were of the same class within clause 3 of that Order and thus did not constitute development.

However, the question then arose whether the section 53 determination, namely, that the change of use did not constitute development, had the additional effect of granting planning permission for permanent residential use free of the conditions attached to the planning permission granted on October 1, 1985 and of excluding the effect of the covenants entered into under the section 52 agreement.

His Lordship said that he would decide the case on the question which was posed, namely, whether the change of use constituted development and if so what was the effect of the section 53 determination.

The answer that the change of use did not amount to development constituted, in his Lordship's judgment, planning permission for us as a residential unit *per se*.

However, that did not abolish the conditions or covenants which pre-existed the section 53 determination.

The clearest possible conclusion was that the determination by the planning authority that the change of use did not of itself affect the enforceability of the conditions attached to the previous planning permission, nor could the determination affect the enforceability or the construction of the section 52 agreement or the covenants made pursuant to that agreement.

Change of use and non-compliance with conditions were two totally separate concepts and even if the planning authority had not made it plain by the advisory note attached to the determination, the determination itself could not remove the conditions or covenants which affected the land.

The application would be dismissed and the remedy sought refused.

Solicitors: Simmonds Church Smiles & Co; Mr F. M. Harris, Tunbridge Wells.

Power to sue on pension decision

Mihlenstedt v Barclays Bank International Ltd and Another

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Nicholls and Sir John May

[Judgment July 28]

Where a contract of employment gave an employee rights under her employer's pension scheme which were conditional upon the employer being of the opinion that the employee was unable by reason of incapacity or infirmity to undertake any duties or had thereby suffered substantial loss of earning capacity, the court, if satisfied that the employer's opinion had been formed on an erroneous basis, had jurisdiction to grant an employee who had been refused a pension pursuant to such rights, declarations and injunctions requiring the employer to form a fresh opinion on a correct basis.

The Court of Appeal so held unanimously in a reserved judgment, dismissing by a majority (Sir John May dissenting) an appeal by the plaintiff, Mrs Eileen Susan Mihlenstedt, from Mr Justice Peter Gibson who on May 6, 1988 had dismissed her claim for a declaration that the decision of the defendants, Barclays Bank International Ltd and Barclays Bank plc, that she did not qualify for early retirement due to ill health within rule A.7(a) of their Staff Pension Fund Rules and that she did not qualify for a pension under rule A.7(c), was null void and of no effect, and for an order that they determine her claim for such a pension in accordance with rule A.7.

Mr James Munby, QC, for the plaintiff; Mr Edward Bannister for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that rule A.7(a) provided that "early retirement due to ill health will be permitted only when, after consulting its medical adviser, the bank is of the opinion that the [employee] is unable by reason of physical or mental incapacity or infirmity to undertake any duties or has thereby suffered a substantial loss of earning capacity and is likely permanently to remain so unable or suffering such loss".

The judge had held that rule A.7 gave the bank a discretion to grant an ill-health pension but conferred no right to one. That view was not correct.

It would be out of line with all the neighbouring provisions of the rules for the payment of pensions and lump sums if rule A.7(a) were to leave the bank with some overriding power to withhold payment.

The word "only" had been included in order to show that early retirement due to ill health and the consequential pension entitlement would be permitted "when and only when" the bank was of the requisite opinion.

The word "permitted" had certainly not been intended to be permissive in the sense of enabling the bank to withhold payment, but rather had been used in recognition that the entitlement under rule A.7 involved a dispensation from the general rule that no pension was payable until normal retirement age.

The provisions of rule A.7(d) entitling the bank to vary or suspend a pension appeared to be directed to cases were incapacity had ceased before normal retirement age, and was no reason for attributing to the bank an intention in paragraph (a) which was not there expressed.

The plaintiff's contract of employment provided that she should be entitled to membership of the pension scheme and to the benefits thereunder, and the bank was therefore contractually bound to procure for her those benefits to which she was entitled, which required it to consult its medical adviser in regard to her application and in the light of his advice to form an opinion as to the matters referred to in rule A.7(a).

Counsel for the plaintiff had referred to her rights or legitimate expectation under the schemes and drawn analogies with the judicial review jurisdiction. References to "legitimate expectation" in the field of contract were both unnecessary and undesirable.

His Lordship could see no reason why the law of contract should not be copious enough either to enforce by injunction the obligation to consult or to declare that the employer's opinion had been formed dishonestly or on an erroneous basis, to set it aside accordingly and by injunction to direct the employer to form a fresh opinion on a correct basis.

The defendants complained that there was no authority to support such a view. The absence of authority had never troubled the court if the principle was clear.

As to principle, a more helpful analogy could be drawn with the case of trustees required by the terms of their trust to form an opinion, for example, as to the value of assets.

If on the material before it the court could see that the trustees' opinion had been formed dishonestly or on an erroneous basis it could not be doubted that a court of equity would be able to grant the relief sought here.

Since the fusion of law and equity the granting of such relief could not sensibly be held to depend on whether the underlying obligation arose out of trust or in contract.

The plaintiff was therefore entitled to the relief claimed if she could establish that the bank's opinion as to her ineligibility for an ill-health pension had been formed on an erroneous basis.

On all the evidence she could not establish that and her appeal should therefore be dismissed.

LORD JUSTICE NICHOLLS, concurring, said that it was an implied term of the plaintiff's employment contract that the bank would properly consider a genuine claim that her health qualified her for an ill-health pension and form its opinion as to her eligibility *bona fide*.

It was unthinkable that the position might be otherwise, and his Lordship had been not a little surprised that the bank had submitted that as a matter of law it had no such obligation.

The bank had considered the plaintiff's claim, and on the evidence their conclusion could not be said to have been reached on an erroneous basis.

SIR JOHN MAY, concurring as to the law, said that the plaintiff now based her claim on mental incapacity.

That point had not been fully considered by the bank, and his Lordship would have allowed the appeal and granted an appropriate declaration requiring the bank to consider that issue before deciding whether she was entitled to a pension under rule A.7.

Solicitors: Trowers & Hamlins; Lovell White Durrant.

Error over planning at County Hall

London Residuary Body v Secretary of State for the Environment and Others
Secretary of State for the Environment and Another v Lambeth London Borough Council and Others

Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Stocker

[Judgment July 20]

The Secretary of State for the Environment had erred in law in deciding that proposals to use the whole or any of the buildings in the County Hall complex for office purposes, unrelated to any local government statutory function, would constitute or involve development for which an application for planning permission would be required.

The secretary of state had also erred in deciding to grant planning permission, against the recommendation of the appointed planning inspector, for use as offices for any purpose of the entirety of County Hall in that he had failed to apply the correct test of competing needs under which the inspector had concluded that the need to continue the existing use of the building outweighed any need to put it to an office use.

The Court of Appeal so stated in a reserved judgment allowing an appeal by the London Residuary Body (LRB) under section 53 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971 from that part of a decision of Mr Justice Simon Brown (*The Times* March 30, 1988) whereby he had dismissed their notice of motion challenging a determination of the secretary of state, in a letter dated October 20, 1987, that proposals to use the whole or any of the buildings in the County Hall complex for office purposes unrelated to any local government statutory function would constitute or involve development of the land for which planning permission would be needed and ordering that the decision of the secretary of state should be remitted to him with the opinion of the court for rehearing and determination.

Four other appeals by the LRB and four appeals by the secretary of state from the judgment of Mr Justice Simon Brown, quashing the secretary of state's decision to grant planning permission on the ground that he had failed to give adequate reasons, were dismissed.

Mr Daniel Robins, QC and Mr John Howell for LRB; Mr Michael Fitzgerald, QC and Mr John Hobson for Lambeth and the Inner London Education Authority (ILEA); Mr Duncan Ouseley and Miss Alison Foster for the secretary of state.

LORD JUSTICE SLADE said that the appeals concerned County Hall, the control of which had passed to the LRB when the GLC was abolished by the London Government Act 1985.

Taking the four blocks of which it was comprised as a whole, office accommodation accounted for substantially more than 50 per cent of the floor space. The complex was occupied as to some 57 per cent by the LRB, some 26 per cent by ILEA and some 3 per cent by other bodies.

The LRB was obliged by law to dispose of such of the property as it did not require. That had led to an application for a determination that future use as offices would not constitute or involve development and, second, (assuming contrary to the LRB's contention that such future use would constitute development) to an application for planning permission for office use.

A report of a planning inspector appointed by the secretary of state to consider those matters had recommended dismissal of the appeal under section 53 and refusal of planning permission for change of use of the main building to use as offices.

By a letter dated October 20, 1987 the secretary of state had accepted the first of those recommendations but had rejected the second and the secretary of state had himself granted planning permission for use as offices for any purpose of (a) the entirety of County Hall and (b) the main block alone.

That decision had been followed by (a) notices of motion on behalf of LRB under section 247(1) of the 1971 Act challenging the determination that planning permission was needed and (b) notices of motion under section 245(1) of the Act on behalf of the London Borough of Lambeth, ILEA and the other authorities using the buildings challenging the grant of planning permission.

Mr Justice Simon Brown had dismissed LRB's motion but had allowed the others and had quashed the secretary of state's decision in so far as it had granted planning permission for use as offices, on the ground that the secretary of state had failed to give adequate reasons for his decision.

The LRB now challenged those parts of the judge's judgment by which he had held that planning permission was needed and the quashing of the secretary of state's decision to grant planning permission.

The question which was relevant to the section 53 application was whether use as an office would constitute or involve development.

For the LRB to establish the contrary they had to establish either (a) that the future use as offices would not constitute a "material change" in which case they could rely on section 22(2)(f) of the 1971 Act, or (b) that the use hitherto had been for the purpose of an "office" in which case they could rely on section 22(2)(f) of the Act.

Th inspector had decided that the use hitherto had not been for the purpose of an "office" but that "the main purpose had been a governmental one albeit confined to London but with the distinct characteristics of a elected government use: such a use has characteristics of public debate and decision making, administering services, responding to queries from the public, together with a range of other public and ceremonial activities."

Although agreeing with the inspector, the manner in which the secretary of state had expressd himself in his decision letter had introduced a significant additional factor in that he had said that the distinct characteristics of those functions were "sufficiently different from commercial office use to suport the conclusion that the present or last use should properly be regarded as *sui generis*."

His Lordship could not accept the the submission that "commercial" had been a loosely expressed synonym for "conventional".

In his judgment the inference was inevitable that the secretary of state had misdirected himself because either (a) he had mistakenly regarded the inspector as having ruled out of office use all premises devoted to other than commercial ends and was adopting that part of the inspector's supposed reasoning, or (b) he was introducing the incorrect reference to commercial use as an additional reason of his own.

With regard to the grant of planning permission the test applied by the inspector had been that "there was always a presumption in favour of allowing applications for development unless that development would cause demonstrable harm to interests of acknowledged importance" as laid down in the Department of Environment Circular 14/85.

If, on the other hand a valid planning objection had been made out the inspector had to determine whether that objection outweighed any need for the proposed development or any planning benefit to be derived from it. If it had then planning permission should be refused.

The retention of an existing use was capable of being a material planning consideration and thus constituting a valid planning objection provided that it was shown that the land in dispute would effectively be put to the existing use: see *Westminster City Council v British Waterways Board* ([1985] AC 676).

The inspector had determined that the existing use outweighed on its planning merits the need for and desirability of the proposed new use or uses (the competing needs test).

His Lordship differed from Mr Justice Simon Brown in that he considerd that the reasons given by the secretary of state had been sufficiently clearly stated. What he had said was that because in his view the continuation of the main building in its existing use was not the only means of meeting the accommodation requirements of ILEA and other bodies, the presumption in favour of granting planning permission had not been rebutted and should be applied accordingly.

In his Lordship's judgment, however, while the inspector had correctly directed himself in law, in this context the secretary of state had not. On the facts found by the inspector there was only one answer which could rationally and properly have been given, namely that the need for and the desirability of preserving the existing local government use outweighed on its planning merits both the need for and the desirability of the proposed ordinary office use.

His Lordship would uphold the decision of Mr Justice Simon Brown quashing the decision letter in so far as it granted planning permission but not on the alleged failure to give reasons; but only because the secretary of state had failed direct his mind to the correct test in law.

Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Stocker delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Linklaters & Paines; Mr R. G. Broomfield, Lambeth; Mr C. L. Grace; Treasury Solicitor.

Proposal to acquire can exist without formal decision

Regina v Secretary of State for the Environment, Ex parte North Hertfordshire District Council

Before Mr Justice Pill

[Judgment July 14]

"A proposal to acquire" within the meaning of section 8 of the Caravan Sites Act 1968 could exist without there being a formal resolution or an unequivocal intention to acquire land by a county council for a caravan site.

Mr Justice Pill so held in the Queen's Bench Divison in a reserved judgment in dismissing an application for judicial review brought by North Hertfordshire District Council of a direction pursuant to section 8 of the 1968 Act given by the Secretary of State for the Environment on August 25, 1988 to Hertfordshire County Council to proceed with its proposal to provide a 13-pitch gipsy caravan site.

Section 8 of the 1968 Act provides: "(1) Before adopting a proposal to acquire or appropriate land for a site ... the council of a county shall consult the council of the county district in which the land is situated ..."

"(2) If objection is made to any such proposal by the council of a county district in or adjacent to which the land is situated and not disposed of in consultation with the council of the county, the council of the county district may give notice of the objection to the minister.

"(3) After considering any such objection the minister may ... give directions to the council of the county — (a) to abandon the appeal; (b) to proceed with the proposal ..."

Mr Patrick Ground, QC and Mr Timothy Straker for the district council; Mr John Steel for the secretary of state.

MR JUSTICE PILL said that the county council was under a duty under section 6 of the 1968 Act to provide adequate accommodation for gipsies residing in or resorting to its area.

On May 18, 1987 the county council wrote to the district council inviting observations on 10 sites which it was considering for gipsy sites.

On October 16, 1987 the county council resolved that applications for planning permission would be submitted in respect of two of the sites. The district council objected to the county council's plans in respect of the two sites.

In response to a letter from the secretary of state, the district council submitted a statement of objections to the county council's proposals in respect of the two sites.

In a letter dated August 25, 1988 the secretary of state summarised the representations of both the county council and the district council and stated that he accepted the county council's arguments on the need for a gipsy site.

Mr Ground submitted, *inter alia*, that the secretary of state had no jurisdiction to consider objections until there had been a "proposal to acquire".

Mr Steel submitted it was important for there to be consultation and an opportunity to object at a formative stage of planning. There were "proposals to acquire" within the meaning of section 8 for all the 10 sites. It was not sensible, he submitted, to have to acquire all the sites before consultation could take place.

His Lordship found there could be a "proposal to acquire" without there being a formal resolution or an unequivocal intention to aquire. There was a sufficient proposal to acquire in respect of each site when objections were made and consultation could sensibly take place in respect of more than one site.

The county council had to give sufficient indication of its intentions in respect of its section 6 duty. It had to identify the sites before there could be a proposal within section 8.

The secretary of state was thus entitled to give a direction to the county council to proceed with its proposals.

Solicitors: Lovell Whit Durrant; Treasury Solicitor.

School governors were unlawfully replaced

Regina v Trustee of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster, Ex parte Andrews

Since particular provisions relating to the government and management of a voluntary-aided maintained school were not materially distinguishable from those already considered by the House of Lords in *R v ILEA, Ex parte Brunyate* (*The Times* May 26, 1989; [1989] 1 WLR 542), the court was bound, following that decision, to conclude that the removal of two governors who would not support the trustee's scheme for the reorganization of the school had not been a valid exercise of the trustee's functions under the provisions.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Glidewell and Lord Justice Farquharson) so held on July 20 in: (1) allowing an appeal by Mrs Andrews, in substitution of Mr Mars, from Mr Justice Simon Brown (*The Times* January 8, 1988) who had refused an application for judicial review of the decision of Cardinal Hume, sued as Trustee of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Westminster, to remove two governors of the Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School and (2) declaring that such removal and the appointment of governors replacing those removed was unlawful.

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Miracle of the mighty Mini

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The Mini is a phenomenon. An outdated box on four tiny wheels, and virtually unchanged in three decades, it is still being turned out at the rate of 900 a week at Rover's factory at Longbridge, Birmingham. Seventy per cent of production goes for export.

More than 5 million have been built since the car was launched on August 26, 1959. Thirty years on, it is still beloved in Britain, chic in Paris and a cult in Japan, the Mini's biggest foreign market. Japanese buyers, more used to a diet of hi-tech aerodynamic cars, have started a craze for the funny little car from Britain and will probably buy about 10,000 this year.

Strangely though, the Japanese strip off anything that looks new and add smaller, original-size 10in. wheels, sporty Mini Cooper-type fittings and return to the spartan interiors of the Sixties, which, more than any other era, established the image of the Mini.

It was driven by the trendiest people around, stars such as Peter Sellers and Twiggy, and it starred with Michael Caine in *The Italian Job*.



Sir Alec Issigonis and creation

Anything but an instant success, 30 years on it is still being manufactured

The cult would have surprised Issigonis, a Greek-born engineer who came to England in 1922 and was later knighted for his achievements. His career was full of novel ideas even before the Mini; for example, he developed the Morris Minor, which was produced from 1948 to 1971.

Issigonis was hired by the late Sir Leonard Lord, chairman of the British Motor Corporation, to develop a small car to take over from the popular "bubble cars" of the 1950s, yet still be a family model.

Issigonis's idea was to make a box measuring just 10ft by 4ft by 4ft, of which 80 per cent would be given over to the passenger cabin and luggage space, leaving only a 2ft length for the engine area. He turned the engine around by 90 degrees to make it transverse, driving the front wheels through a gearbox and final drive built into the engine sump.

The engine was a 948cc A-series, first fitted to the Austin A30 in 1951 and still used in a derivative form. It took just six months to complete the design, and Issigonis had a prototype working by mid-1958.

The two cars that were launched in 1959 hardly took the world by storm. The Austin Seven, built at Longbridge, and the Morris Mini-Minor, built at Cowley, Oxford, were identical, apart from badges and radiator grilles.

The Mini appeared in the wake of the Suez Crisis, which forced petrol rationing and made motorists more aware of the need to save fuel. Yet despite its 60 mpg economy, success was not immediate. A sceptical public took a while to recognize its qualities and only 20,000 were made in the first year. By 1962, however, annual production had risen to 200,000. The best sales year was 1970, when 381,000 models, by then called simply the Mini, were produced.

Part of the Mini's popularity arose from an astonishing series of wins in major rally competitions. The Mini won the Monte Carlo in 1964, 1965 and 1967. It would have won a fourth time but for a curious disqualification for using non-standard headlamp bulbs.

There can be few drivers who have not sat in an early Mini with its drawstring door handles, sliding windows and starter button below the driver's seat. Prices in 1959 were £497 for a standard model, £537 for the de-luxe. Today's Mini, now made by Rover, the descendant of BMC, costs from £4,554.

How long will it continue in production? Rover's managing director, George Simpson, says that so long as the Mini is "a nice little earner", it will continue to be made.


Late-Fifties optimism as the Mini launch campaign gets into gear



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Ready for action for those with a big wallet: the 115 bhp, 1.3-litre customized Mini, one of 30 being made by the British Automobile Company

THE DRIVE-IN PARTY

- Thousands of enthusiasts and owners are expected to turn out for the Mini's 30th birthday party at Silverstone on August 27. Rover will be attempting a world record line-up of Minis to break the previous best of 4,832.
- Events will include an "It's a Mini Knockout" competition and a Mini fashion show. More than 200 Japanese will attend and a group of Germans has chartered a ferry to travel to the event. Entry costs £1 (senior citizens and children free); the day begins at 11am.
- After worries about exhaust emissions, the Mini will now run on unleaded petrol.
- Sir Alec Issigonis, the Mini's inventor, died a year ago, aged 82. The son of a naturalized Greek and a German mother, he studied at Battersea Polytechnic, before joining a small company making automatic transmissions. He then worked for the Rootes Group before joining Alvis and later moving to BMC, where he stayed, under the company's various guises, until his retirement.

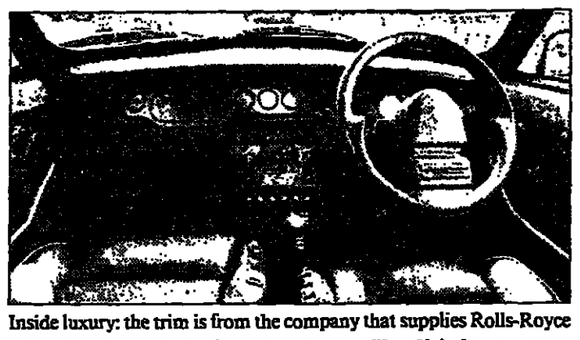
The £30,000 supermini

The Mini pictured above has come a long way from the £497 boneshaker of the late 1950s – £29,503 further in fact. This version from the auto specialists, British Automobile Company (BAC), costs the same as a luxurious Jaguar or Mercedes-Benz.

It is not a car for the usual Mini owner. The appropriately badged M-30 – only 30 will be made to celebrate the Mini's birthday – is the fun car for the motorist who already has everything, but still wants to turn a few heads. It is one of a crop of celebration conversions appearing throughout the country in the next few weeks.

The interior is trimmed throughout in hide from the Bridge of Weir company in Scotland, which makes trims for Rolls-Royce and Aston Martin, and the fascia is in burr elm.

The compact disc player and mini-telephone are both standard items – as they would have to be at the price. There is also an electronic burglar alarm.


Inside luxury: the trim is from the company that supplies Rolls-Royce

Outside, the car looks the part, with deep spoilers and skirt designed by Simon Saunders, formerly with Aston Martin and General Motors before starting BAC, which is based at North Perrott in Somerset.

BAC badges decorate the car, although at the rear there is a solid silver M-30 badge, hall-marked and bearing a production number between one and 30.

It sits on alloy wheels plus fat, low-profile Yokohama tyres, which gives the car the characteristics of a Chieftain tank when parking. The engine delivers 115 brake horse power from a 1.3-litre MG Metro engine with a Sprintex supercharger.

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Drop-out with drive aims to float on air

By Barbara Felby

A flat tyre and the search for a compressed air line in working order shaped Mr Neil Troward's future and led to the birth of a company with a turnover which will approach £2 million this year.

Mr Troward, a computer sales and marketing expert who had dropped out of city life to run a seaside shop in St Agnes, Cornwall, conducted a survey after having difficulty finding a garage with a working line and discovered that more than 30 per cent were out of order.

Bored with quiet winters at the shop, he designed and developed Air Box — a self-contained coin operated tyre inflator — through Carebridge, the company he set up in Redruth, Cornwall.

More than 2,000 machines have been sold to distributors at £695 each. They instal the units free of charge on garage forecourts throughout Britain, making regular checks to ensure accurate gauge readings.

The distributor's revenue from the unit is about £70 per month and, based on a percentage of this, garage owners earn between £200 to £300 a year without responsibility. Motorists pay 10p for three minutes.

When Mr Troward first thought of the idea in 1987, he did not realize how difficult it would be to persuade banks to lend him money. He said: "I was laughed out of everywhere when I stated I would turn over a multi-million pound company in two to three years and finally it was the Midland Bank, Truro, who loaned me £10,000. The debt is now cleared."



Self-imposed pressure: Neil Troward gave up a quiet life for Air Box

At the end of 1988, turnover topped £500,000 with profits of £147,000. This year, turnover is on target for nearly £2 million.

Mr Troward exports on a small scale, mainly to France, but if Carebridge's offer of £200,000 for 20 per cent of shares in a venture capital company is successful, the export figure for the end of 1990 could exceed £250,000.

Mr Troward, who is aiming for a USM listing within four years, is confident that between 10,000 to 12,000 Air Boxes will eventually be installed on forecourts.

BRIEFINGS

■ A major concession for small firms when uniform business rates are phased in under the community charge has been made by the Department of the Environment after pressure from the National Federation of Self-Employed and Small Businesses. Firms with a new rateable value of up to £15,000 in London and £10,000 elsewhere will not have rates increased by more than 15 per cent a year, after allowing for inflation, in the transition from the old rating system. The previous proposal was to define small businesses as those with a new rateable value of less than £7,500 in London and £10,000 elsewhere. Larger firms can have rate increases of up to 20 per cent a year plus inflation. The federation will continue to campaign to get the maximum increase for small firms cut to 10 per cent or less in real terms. Mr John Harris, rates committee chairman, points out that 15 per cent plus inflation will add up to nearly 25 per cent. He says: "While there is a certain amount of relief in knowing that we will lose only an arm instead of an arm and a leg, that relief is obviously tempered by the fact that losing the arm still hurts."

■ **How small businesses should go about getting news stories and photographs into newspapers and magazines is set out in a free booklet issued by PNA, a company that specializes in distributing press releases. Copies are obtainable from Mr Mark Longmore on 01-377 2521.**

■ Midland Bank has launched a high interest account for small businesses currently paying up to 11 per cent gross, 8.61 per cent net. Customers can get a return on surplus cash by transferring money to and from their ordinary business current accounts.
Interest is calculated monthly and is at present 9.25 per cent gross for under £1,000, 10.25 per cent from £1,000-£4,999 and 11 per cent from £5,000 and over.

Persistence pays as demand for staircases grows

Spiralling trade winds its way towards foreign shores

By Our Industrial Staff

Mr Eric Nicholls and his father, Russell, have travelled the world — by spiral staircase.

The partners have visited such diverse locations as the British Embassy in Cairo and a library in Warsaw thanks to their business of designing and developing the staircases with stainless steel handrails.

Spiral staircases have graced medieval castles to Victorian homes. Today, there is an increasing demand for their installation in new developments such as residential, shopping and office complexes.

Mr Eric Nicholls said: "Distance is not a problem, but generally about half of our work is carried out in London and the Home Counties, with contracts being received through architects and construction companies, including John Laing, Costain and Fairclough."

The staircases average about £3,000 for a typical external fire escape, rising to £20,000 for a big feature stairway.

Four years ago, Mr Nicholls left his banking job and a year later joined forces with his father who had been in the spiral staircase construction business for many years.

They borrowed £10,000 from Lloyds Bank and with their combined resources of £10,000 formed Spiral Construction. Advice on marketing, finance and general management was given to them by the Rural Development Commission Business Service.

A waiting period of anything up to five months is not unusual in this trade

Mr Nicholls recalled: "We had problems at the outset obtaining contracts and it was also difficult obtaining payment once the contract had been completed. A waiting period of anything up to five months is not unusual in this trade."

Another problem facing Spiral Construction was long "lead-in" times.

After their initial involvement during the planning stage of a building, the company would then have to wait for near-completion before the stairway could be installed.

Mr Nicholls said: "It was sheer dogged persistence that kept us going. But now a steady flow of orders include some from local and health authorities, Body Shop and the British Geographical Society. This year saw the completion, at a cost of £44,000, of a 65-foot staircase which Mr Nicholls believes to be the tallest in the country — built inside a water tower at Exeter, Devon.

This was followed by a 60-foot staircase built inside the Gothic Tower at Surrey at a cost of £20,000. Turnover figures rose from £65,000 in 1987 to £200,000 last year. By the end of this year, the company anticipates annual sales of about £300,000.

Mr Nicholls feels that at this level the business will have breached a meaningful barrier and be truly consolidated. It should enable them to look more to overseas work to build the business further.

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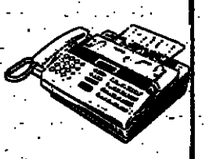


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TENNIS

McEnroe uses all his experience to escape from trouble

From Richard Evans, Montreal

Like Britain, America also has its late starters. Ned Caswell is 25, positively middle-aged by today's standards, but four years of college tennis in North Carolina appears to have prepared him well enough for the rigours of the pro tour.

When he held break point at 3-3 in the third set, Caswell seemed to have a real chance of beating John McEnroe in the second round of the Players Canadian Open. McEnroe, arriving here full of confidence after winning his third Grand Prix title of the year in Indianapolis last week, had suddenly lost all semblance of concentration after leading 6-2, 4-1.

"It was abysmal," McEnroe said. "I just lost all feel for the ball and when he came up with a few good winners I felt really negative."

Caswell, who passes with good forward momentum off a two-handed backhand, certainly looked a far more accomplished performer than his present ATP ranking of 245 would suggest. But experience, not age, is what counts at this level and it says a lot for the competitive spirit that still burns within, that McEnroe was able to dig his way out of trouble to win 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

"I just told myself I wasn't going to lose" McEnroe said. He admits that his first service percentage is too low for a man with his eye on the US Open title.

New names are scattered all through the draw and Andrea Agassi, the No 3 seed, dropped a set to Shelby Cannon, a 23-year-old qualifier from Florida, ranked 486. But just as the whole of Montreal was able to watch an eclipse of the moon, Agassi, believing perhaps that this was a night for earthbound stars, re-asserted his control and defeated Cannon 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

RESULTS: Second round: I Lendl (Cz) bt K Jones (US), 7-6, 6-1; J Berger (US) bt S Youl (Aus), w/o; D Nargiso (It) bt G Perez-Roldan (Arg), 6-4, 6-2; S Giammalva (US) bt C Garner (US), 6-0, 6-1; J McEnroe (US) bt N Caldwell (US), 6-2, 4-6, 6-3; T Mayotte (US) bt P Fech (Fr), 6-2, 7-6, N Pereira (Ven) bt T Whitelon (US), 6-3, 6-1; A Agassi (US) bt S Cannon (US), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Wimbledon remains only goal for Lendl

Montreal (Reuter) — Ivan Lendl is so consumed with winning Wimbledon that he intends to skip next year's French Open to devote more time to preparing for the one Grand Slam title that has eluded him.

"My next great goal, my only goal is to win Wimbledon," the world's best player declared after beating Kelly Jones, of the United States, 7-6, 6-1 in the second round at the Canadian Open on Wednesday.

"I am 99 and a half per cent sure I will skip it (the French Open), but I don't want to say for sure," Lendl, who already has won three French championships, said.

"I think at this stage of my career it's most important for me to give myself the best possible chance to win Wimbledon," he said Lendl.

Lendl, who has often said that he cares more about winning grand slams than being world No 1, has won the US Open three times and in January added his first Australian Open title



Single-minded: Lendl dispatches Jones at Montreal but has Wimbledon on his mind

RUGBY UNION

Carling to return to competitive action in Monaco

By Bryan Stiles

Will Carling, the England captain, plays his first competitive game this weekend since the leg operation which caused him to miss the British Isles tour of Australia.

He will play for the Public School Wanderers in the Glenlivet Monte Carlo seven-a-sides tournament in place of Peter Winterbottom, his Harlequins colleague, who has joined the international team which is to play in South Africa.

The carefree atmosphere of the Glenlivet sevens should prove an ideal playing environment in which Carling can ease himself back into competitive rugby after the operation to remove a piece of floating bone that hampered him all last season.

Simon Hunter, of Rosslyn Park, replaces Ian Williams, the Oxford Blue, who played on the wing for Australia against the Lions and who has also gone to South Africa.

The glittering tournament is making another attempt to establish itself as the European sevens event to rival the popular Hong Kong shindig, which is the highlight of the season for many top players.

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The organizers are hoping all that will change on Sunday. The French have a telling influence on affairs in Monaco and this year they are throwing their weight behind the event.

The French Barbarians will be fielding a side, while Patrick Barthelemy, the French international, will captain the Monaco team. More important, the French have taken on the pre-tournament publicity and arranged for the event to switched to August from May, when it clashed in previous seasons with important games in the French calendar.

DRAW: Pool A: Public School Wanderers, Monaco, Irish Wolfhounds, United States. Pool B: French Barbarians, Welsh Crawshays, Italy, Scottish Co-optimists.

Woodhouse gain success on tour

By Michael Stevenson

Woodhouse Grove have returned from a 25-day tour of Australia which was an unqualified success, despite the fact that on two occasions, they faced representative teams when they were expecting to compete against schools.

Woodhouse, who have a young side, suffered one heavy loss to a Warringah District XV, 26-4, but the other matches were closely contested.

In other results, Woodhouse had victories over a Western Australia Junior Rugby Union XV, 13-10 and John Paul College, 26-0, they lost to Malvena Schools XV 6-9, and managed a draw against Townsville GS 9-9.

It seems certain that Stonyhurst will be very strong against this winter. They have five members of their pack from last year returning and three backs, including Bracken and Gradillas, who represented England. Warneken, who represented Lancashire, will be the most experienced forward and at least 14 of the side will be middle six-formers.

Ellesmere, the winners of the Preston Schools' Festival, will be struggling to achieve comparable success this winter. Only McLatchie, who will captain the side from prop, and Dawson, the scrum half, return from the side that won at Preston but master-in-charge, Mike Sampson can draw on a highly successful Under-16 team.

King's Macclesfield will find it hard to improve on their excellent showing of last season, during which they won 20 out of 22 matches; but they have five backs and five forwards returning.

There is a surfeit of half backs and wings with the other positions more of an unknown quantity. The side will be captained by Barrendell from scrum half and much will depend on how the early matches go, two of which are away at Russell and RGS Lancaster.

Shiplake College have six of last year's pack returning, plus four of the three-quarters. The side will be captained by Richards from prop and Paul Emerson, the master-in-charge, has high hopes that he will prosper at representative level this winter.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Myers must kick his heels a little longer

By Keith Macklin

David Myers, the full back, will not know until August 28 whether he is to play for Widnes or Warrington.

Myers, regarded by Widnes as one of their bright new starlets after excellent performances last season, shocked the Naughton Park club during the close season by announcing that he was a free agent and had accepted a contract with Warrington. Furious Widnes officials countered by saying that they still held Myers's registration, and the matter was referred to Rugby League headquarters in Leeds.

It is proving a knotty problem, because the matter has been twice postponed, and a league committee will consider it again on Monday, August 28. This means that Myers cannot play for Widnes in the attractive opening game of the season, the Charity Shield match against Wigan at Anfield on Sunday, August 27.

For the first time a trophy tournament is to be sponsored by a firm of solicitors. The Chester company of Lees Lloyd Whitley will sponsor the Chester amateur sevens at Handbridge on Saturday. Teams have entered from Cheltenham, Bath, Southampton, Swindon, Birmingham, London Civil Service and West Midlands Police, and there is even an entry from a team named Essex Scimitars.

The death has occurred of Bill Sayer, the former Wigan, St Helens and Great Britain hooker, one of the members of the outstanding Wigan trophy-winning side of the 1950s and early 1960s.

Salford have signed the former All Black forward, Mark Brooke-Cowden, who has been released by Leeds.

CRICKET

Lord's test awaits Wright

By Michael Austin

Hertfordshire's experience and superior bowling should overcome Cumberland's nuggety resistance in the Minor Counties Holt Cup final at Lord's tomorrow but much depends on Wright, their reserve wicketkeeper.

Wright, of Barnet, makes only his second appearance for Hertfordshire as deputy for the unavailable Olley, whose absence disturbs the balance of the batting. Whereas Olley would have gone in at No. 6, Wright will bat at 10 and will have a wicketkeeping test when standing up to two spinners, Needham and Smith, and a gentle seamer, Smith.

The Lord's pitch, generally regarded as low and slow by first-class batsmen, will still be much quicker than the more familiar "club puddings" as David Surridge, Hertfordshire's captain, puts it. He plans a 10-minute pre-match batting net for each of his players to adjust to the different pace.

Six of Hertfordshire's team played at Lord's against Middlesex in the NatWest Trophy last summer and their side includes five players with first-class backgrounds in Surridge, Needham, Merry, Henderson and Miller.

Cumberland are less well endowed in that respect but even in the absence of Reidy, who is required by his club, Walkden, they call upon Hayes and Makinson, former Lancashire players, and Wall, once of Warwickshire.

Reidy's deputy is Clarke, who recently shared in a Northern League record opening partnership of 246 for Netherfield against Blackpool.

After failing to win a match in the first six years of the competition, Cumberland have prospered under the thoughtful leadership of John Moyes, who is interrupting a holiday in the south of France to make his first Lord's appearance at the age of 42.

Cumberland, who are without a championship win in their first eight games this summer, are still an efficient side and took first-innings points in seven matches, a fact which warns Hertfordshire of their potency in a chase for runs.

CUMBERLAND: J R Moyes; S Sharp, C J Stockdale, K A Hayes, G J Clarke, C R Knight, D Makinson, S M Dutton, S Wall, M D Woods, D Hallowell.
HERTFORDSHIRE: D Surridge; A J T Miller, A Needham, S P Henderson, N P G Wright, D Price, D Smith, T Smith, A Gardiall, N Wright, W G Merry.
HOW THEY REACHED THE FINAL: Cumberland bt Durham by five runs (at Durham City); Northumberland by four wickets (Jesmond); and Devon by 38 runs (Bovey Tracey). Hertfordshire bt Buckinghamshire by four wickets (at Beaconsfield); Oxfordshire by 80 runs (Stevenage); Bedfordshire by six runs (Southill Park); and Cheshire by 28 runs (Bishop's Stortford).

SNOOKER

Hughes loses to Mountjoy in final frame

From Steve Acteson
Bangkok

Eugene Hughes is not enjoying much luck these days and after losing 5-4 to Doug Mountjoy, the United Kingdom champion, after being 4-2 ahead in the opening round of the 555 Asian Open in Bangkok yesterday, Hughes said: "Two days before I went to the world championship I had my Jaguar car stolen and two days before I came here my house in Essex was burgled."

Breaks of 60, 63 and 59 put Hughes 4-2 ahead but Mountjoy forced the deciding frame and won it with a break of 61 despite giving away 15 penalty points on the final blue.

Dean Reynolds, suffering from influenza, lost 5-2 to Wayne Jones.

RESULTS: Fourth round: D Mountjoy (Wales) bt E Hughes (Ire), 5-4; W Jones (Wales) bt D Reynolds (Eng), 5-2; A Knowles (Eng) bt N Foulds (Eng), 5-3; S Francisco (SA) bt I Graham (Eng), 5-4.

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ATHLETICS: SELECTORS FACE MORE EMBARRASSMENT OVER TRIALS SYSTEM

Coe demonstrates that he is again close to his best

From David Miller
Zurich

If, in an international 800 metres field in Cologne on Sunday, Sebastian Coe should run a time of 1min 43.05sec or less – his eight-year-old world record is 1min 41.73sec – he could justifiably lay claim to the discretionary third place in the England Commonwealth Games team, should he contemplate the possibility of attempting the double in Auckland. The selectors would then have yet further embarrassment thrust upon them by the selection trials system of last weekend.

On Wednesday night here, Coe confirmed that he is again running close to his best times, even at the age of almost 33, and on form is likely to prove the fastest British performer of the year over either two or four laps. In one of the quickest 1,500 metres races of the season, he was only half a stride behind Wilfred Kirochi, of Kenya, the form leader at this distance; and with a time of 3min 34.05sec was almost 1½ seconds inside the best British time so far, by Steve Cram.

Tom McKean, who could finish only sixth in 1min 44.20sec here behind Paul Ereng, the Olympic champion, two other Kenyans and the 1,500 world champion Abdi Bile over the 800, has a season's best of 1min 43.88sec.

Coe's last lap of 51.9sec in Birmingham and now his first significant 1,500 since he ran under 3min 30sec in Rieti three years ago, demonstrates that he has lost neither his speed nor stamina. If he is so minded to compete in Auckland, and the selectors are serious about seeking the best team – which seemingly the British board was not for the Olympics last year – then Coe ought to be a candidate for either distance.

The more immediate concern is to win maximum points when wearing a British vest, for presumably the last time, in the uniquely qualified World Cup team in Barcelona. Coe is optimistic that in three weeks' time he will be in a condition to be running three seconds faster for the 1,500.

"What I realized last night is that I'm nowhere near yet what I'm still capable of for this distance," Coe said yesterday. "My next 1,500, which will be in Brussels next Friday, should be able to be two or three seconds better. Kirochi is the current leader, so I'm happy to have run him so close, and there's no substitute in training for getting a sub-3:35 race under your belt, which is what I needed. Running a 1,500 is a learned technique no less than a field event."

There was some good runners behind him, including Peter Rono, the Olympic champion, fourth, and young Gennaro Di Napoli of Italy, sixth in 3min 34.88sec, who will be running for the Rest of Europe in Barcelona. Also defeated were three possible American World Cup representatives: Atkinson, fastest of the year, Falcon and Scott.

It was uncharacteristic that Coe allowed himself to be outmanoeuvred over the second and third laps, slightly off the pace in a closely bunched field in seventh or eighth position. This meant that coming off the penultimate bend and down the back straight he had to accelerate hard to close into third place by the last bend, coming through the challenge Kirochi in the final straight. Significantly, that floating rhythm has returned, as we saw on Sunday.

"I was concerned, after the slight strain suffered on Sunday, not to get involved in any physical contact that would jar me sideways," Coe said. "This caution led to me being slightly out of touch before the last lap. You tend to forget how unpredictable the Kenyans are, slowing and then accelerating, changing lanes, and there were four of them in the field.

"I had to check twice because of that on the last lap, and opted for a long run for the tape from 200 out rather than a kick. I was pleased to get there in 3:34 without really breathing hard."

Following Mobil Grand Prix races in Cologne and Brussels, Coe will devote the remaining 12 days before Barcelona to training, with the provision of seeking a wild card in the Mobil finals in Monte Carlo on September 1, only if he feels he needs an additional sharpening race. It is a pity the British board has not always recognized the sense of responsibility he has put into representing them, as opposed to over-racing in pursuit of money.

● Independent Television representatives are concerned that I wrongly attributed to them, among other criticisms following the Kodak AAA Championships, responsibility for expanding the event to three days, which I am happy to say was not so.

Circuit feeling agents' pinch

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, West Berlin

If Zurich is feeling the pinch, then the rest of the IAAF/Mobil grand prix circuit, and athletics as we know it, must be in some jeopardy.

Andreas Brügger, the Zurich promoter, has a budget of around £1m, more than double that of some of the other meetings on the circuit. He spends it on getting the biggest and best fields of the year, testimony to which was the 17 Olympic champions, 15 world champions, and assorted world record holders who graced this year's meeting on Wednesday.

But Brügger had to cancel four events this year, for lack of money, and he was blaming commercial pressures from agents more interested in money than the sport itself, and on meetings outside the grand prix circuit putting all their budget into a few highlight events.

It has long been feared that *these spectacular meetings could* devolve into half a dozen middle distance events and a pole vault, and some British promotions have gone that way in the past. Which is why the International Amateur Athletic Federation insists on a certain number of field events, and women's events in its grand prix programme.

While the IAAF is at it, perhaps some thought will be given to an athletes' code of conduct, penalizing them for dropping out of events, without reasonable notice, or a doctor's note as proof of physical indisposition. Any code should also include athletes switching events.

Perhaps that should read, *athlete* switching events. There was much dark humour when a mini-hurricane hit the Letzigrund in Zurich as the 5,000 metres runners took the track. The principal of them, Said Aouita, had been kicking up a storm all day.

He was originally in the 1,500 metres in Zurich, but is pursuing a match with his former protégé, Brahim Boutaib, as avidly as any bounty hunter stalked his target. It is not money that Aouita is after; he already gets the biggest purse on the circuit – $35,000 a race. It is revenge. For Boutaib won an Olympic gold, while Aouita only won a bronze, and the youngster is apparently getting all the attention back home in Morocco.

So, Aouita switched to the 5,000 metres, cansing Yobes Ondieki, another Aouita target (since the Kenyan beat him earlier this season), to move to the 1,500 metres, and Boutaib, sure enough, to drop out of the *meeting entirely*.

Reality certainly hit many of the British World Cup squad hard on Wednesday. Of the nine members in Zurich, only Steve Backley won.

Colin Jackson readily conceded that Roger Kingdom's world high hurdles record of 12.92sec makes the American, "clearly the No 1 in the world. I'm clearly No 2, but I can't wait to have another crack at him in the World Cup," which is in Barcelona next month.

For the meantime, the circuit moves into the Berlin Olympic stadium this evening. Where we can expect more *Sturm und Drang* from Aouita in the mile, more high hurdles from Kingdom, and the likelihood of a very fast 10,000 metres.

BOWLS: BRISTOL DEFEAT GUILDFORD AND TRING IN THE TRIPLES AT WORTHING

IAN STEWART



Vocal backing: David Blencowe (left) and Bob Blencowe shout on their Northampton colleague, Martin Walker, at Worthing

McCall keeps his cool in sunshine

By Gordon Allan

Two rounds of triples, the slowest form of a slow game, were completed in the Woolwich English Bowling Association championships at Worthing yesterday. With 18 bowls per end, and any number of mid-green conferences, there was ample time for the spectators to soak up the sunshine, think about other things, or just doze.

Among the internationals to win both his matches was Peter McCall, a former professional footballer. He skipped his Bristol team of Bob Johnson and Selwyn Jones to success by 29-19 over Guildford and 15-8 over Tring.

Guildford went into the last end trailing 20-16. John Dobson, their skip, was forced to burn it but on the replay he and his players established a match winning position with five bowls in a cluster. McCall's first two attempts to disturb the head failed but his third flicked two Surrey woods out of the count.

There were no such alarms in the Tring game. Bristol scored regularly from the fourth end onwards.

Somerset's other team, from Clevedon, lost 16-6 to Wymondham Dell in the second round. Wymondham won the first six ends and never looked back.

Weale withstands Broad's challenge

By David Rhys Jones

Robert Weale, the favourite from Presteigne, was given a hard game by Barry Broad, of Troedyrhiw, in the quarter-finals of the Welsh Bowling Association singles championship at the BSC sports club, Ebbw Vale yesterday.

Broad, a former international, came back from 12-2, making up the 10-shot deficit in four ends. He was not allowed to take the lead, however, and Weale reached the *semi-finals with* threes on the seventeenth and eighteenth ends.

Alan McCarley, of Brynhyfryd, Llanelli, a respected Welsh lead, survived a poor start in his match with Tom Ludlow, of Whiteheads, Newport, who shot into a 7-1 lead after five ends. McCarley's reply was emphatic: after 10 ends he was ahead 13-9, thanks to two full houses and two doubles.

Ludlow traded shot for shot until the match was all square at 19-all, and McCarley was glad to finish the match with a two on the 23rd end.

Weale will play Gareth Griffiths, a Cardiff accountant, of Abertridwr, in today's semi-finals, while McCarley takes on Pat Toogood, of Bridgend. Three of the semi-finalists are in their 20s.

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ORIENTEERING

Challenge to Olsson

Kent Olsson, aged 29, of Sweden, attempts to defend his world championship title at Kallefall, near Skovde, Sweden, today (a Special Correspondent writes).

However, the Norwegian pair Havard Tveite, the bronze medal winner in the 1988 World Cup, and Rolf Vestre, the world student champion, hope to re-establish their country's dominance, although Norway's main hope of a gold medal is likely to be Raghnild Bratberg, in spite of her running with her right arm in light plaster because of a broken wrist.

Marita Skogum, aged 28, of Sweden, who has enjoyed a long run of success since last autumn, is among the favourites.

BOXING

Collins given title tilt

Brisbane (AP) – Tom Collins, the British light-heavyweight champion, will challenge Jeff Harding, the World Boxing Council champion, at the Boondall Sports Centre on October 24, the promoter, Bill Mordey, said yesterday.

The Australian, aged 24, knocked out Dennis Andries, another Englishman, in the twelfth round in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on June 24. The new champion has a 15-0 record and 12 knock-outs; Collins, aged 34, boasts a 24-14-2 record.

Collins, aged 34, of Leeds, is a former European champion and is listed as the No. 1 contender by the WBC.

DRUGS IN SPORT

Canadian was afraid to tell what he heard

Toronto (Reuter) – An athletics official heard first-hand reports of elite Canadian athletes taking anabolic steroids six months before Ben Johnson tested positive at the Olympic Games in Seoul, a federal inquiry heard.

Rolf Lund, a member of the Canadian Track and Field Association (CTFA) board of directors, said he did not pursue the issue for fear of disrupting Olympic preparation.

"It certainly was my feeling that I didn't want to be disruptive to the programme, because I might have been wrong," Lund, who is also president of the Ontario Track and Field Association, said.

He told the inquiry into drugs in sport that in March 1988 he heard accounts of drug use by track and field athletes from a coach at the National Sprint Centre of York University in Toronto.

The coach, whom Lund did not identify, warned that athletes at the York centre – where Johnson and other Canadian athletes trained under Charlie Francis, the sprint coach – "were being advised and encouraged to participate in drug programmes."

HOCKEY

Australia hold on for a place in the final

From Sydney Friskin, Ipoh, Malaysia

Stephen Davies and Gregory Corbitt, two of Australia's brightest young prospects, fashioned an exciting 4-3 victory over Pakistan here yesterday to put their side into the junior World Cup final for the second time. They were runners-up to West Germany in 1982.

In tomorrow's final, Australia once again will meet West Germany, who will be attempting to win the trophy for the third time in succession, having defeated South Korea 6-2 in the other semi-final.

In a match of changing fortunes, Australia took command in the first 15 minutes, Davies scoring in the second minute before allowing another two chances to slip from his grasp. The initiative then passed into the hands of Pakistan who took a 2-1 lead by half-time with goals from Tariq Sheikh and Qamar Ibrahim.

To Pakistan's detriment, however, their concentration wavered in the early minutes of the second half, allowing Taylor to level the scores and Australia to move into a 4-2 lead with further goals by Davies and Corbitt.

In the second match it was only a matter of time before the goals would come. West Germany finally broke the resistance of the Koreans in the 27th minute and led 3-0 at half-time with goals from Ness, Waldhausser, and Schiefer.

Brinkmann and Becker added to the score after the interval, the Koreans reducing the lead through Tai-Hying Kim. Blunck scored the sixth goal for the Germans and Jung-Hwan Yun scored another goal for the Koreans by which time all interest had been lost.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: Australia 4, Pakistan 3; West Germany 6, South Korea 2. Play-offs (5th to 12th places): Egypt 1, Soviet Union 0; Netherlands 4, United States 2.

Concentration needed

Great Britain, The Netherlands, United States and Canada will play one another in the Mees and Hope women's tournament at The Hague, which starts today with Great Britain meeting Canada, followed by The Netherlands against the US (Joyce Whitehead writes).

Tomorrow Great Britain will play the US, followed by The Netherlands against Canada. On Sunday Canada will play the US, after which Great Britain will face The Netherlands.

Great Britain must produce the concentration of Wimbledon tennis players if they are to rise above the other nations.

GREAT BRITAIN SQUAD: K Parker (Slough), K Brown (Slough), T Fry (Ipswich), G Messenger (Edinburgh), L Watkins (Swansea), S Lister (Ipswich), V Dixon (Saffron Walden), J Atkins (Bradford), V Hallam (Rotherwick), G Brown (Leicester), W Fraser (Glasgow Western), A Ramsay (Glasgow Western), M Nevill (Leicester), J Shanklin (Sutton Coldfield), C Stirling (Hutcheson's), J Elias (Cambrian).

MOTOR RACING

Germans must beware the British teams

By a Special Correspondent

Although Mercedes have taken a firm grip on the 1989 world sports prototype championship, Jaguar and Nissan are poised to beat them when the circus moves to Nürburgring this weekend.

Mercedes have built up a handsome lead in the series, with three wins out of four races to date, plus a morale-boosting victory in the non-championship Le Mans 24 Hours. But the Sauber Mercedes chassis is thought to be close to the limits of its potential. Jaguar, the world champions, and Nissan are fielding new cars which are already competitive.

Jaguar and Nissan are British teams, despite the latter's parentage. Nissan Motorsports Europe is based in the Midlands, using British drivers and British technology, although powered by the Japanese and funded from Tokyo.

Like Mercedes, they are both turbocharged, Jaguar with a new three-litre V6 and Nissan with a 3.5-litre V8, which took Julian Bailey into second place at Brands Hatch in the last race before crashing out.

The new Nürburgring, a characterless 2.8-mile shadow of the famous 13-mile forest circuit, is unloved by teams despite its spectacular situation. All too often fog and rain have descended on the world championship races there despite the traditional August date.

Mercedes beat Jaguar there last year, but only just. If the Nissan is kept on the road, it must start a favourite.

GLIDING

Obstacles to good soaring

The met man wrote off yesterday as not quite a glider pilot's best choice of a soaring day at Husbands Bosworth where the British national standard class gliding championships continued (a Special Correspondent writes).

Showers, lightning and hail were expected, but, after that, stretches of powerful lift, powerful sink, and large areas of nothing.

To avoid too many total landouts – which entail long, tiring retrievals from remote landings – a main task of just 149km out and return via Earith (New Bedford River Bridge) was set, with fallbacks of 137km Caxton Gibbet or 135km Biggleswade out and return.

POWERBOATING

Clash of the three world champions

By Bryan Stiles

Three world offshore racing champions – two of them British – will be competing in the Cetrek Needles Trophy race in Poole harbour this weekend.

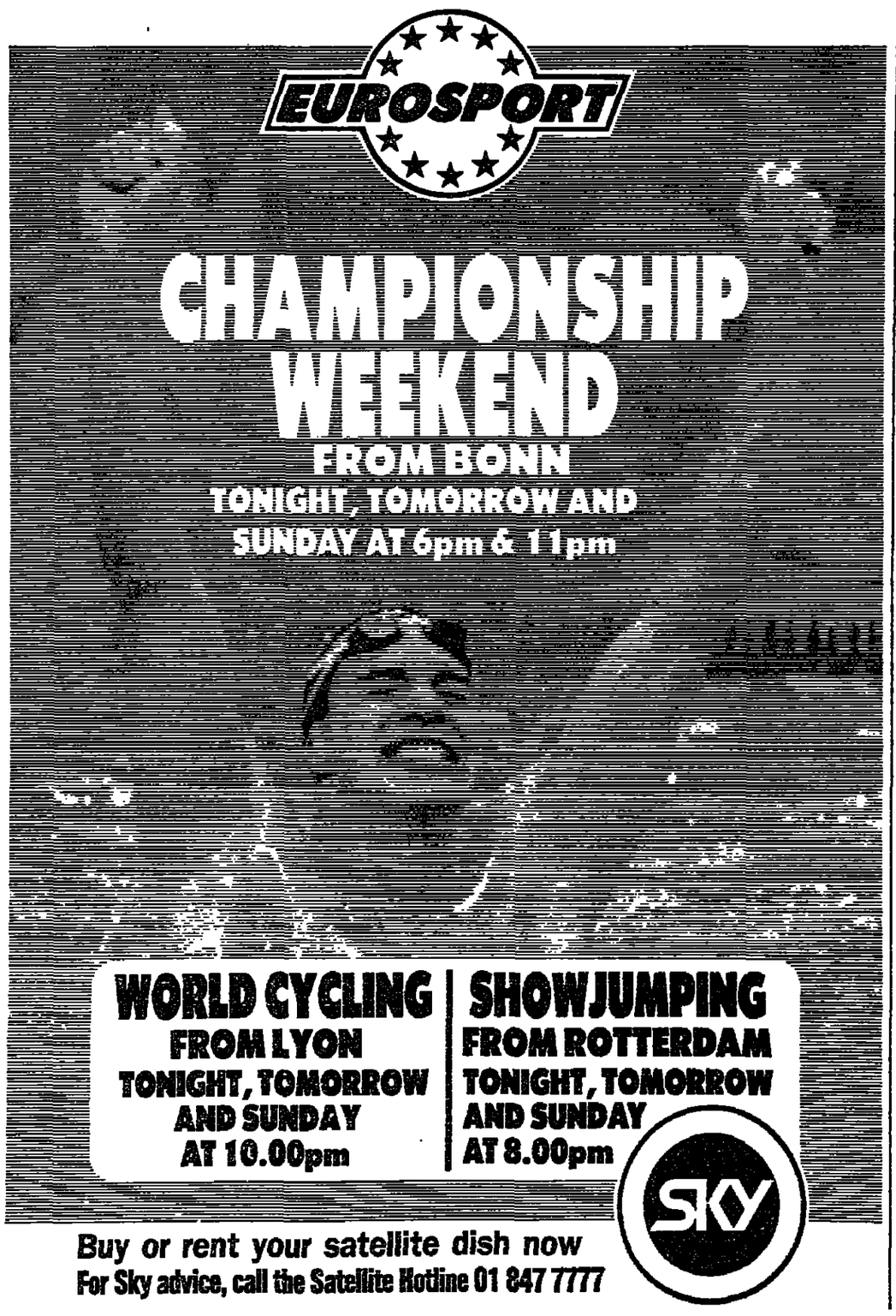
Fabio Buzzi, of Italy, who holds the world Class One title in his record-breaking monohull, is sure to lead the parade, with Roger Fletcher, the Class Two champion, and Neil Holmes, the Four-litre title-holder, sure to make a big impression.

As Poole is hosting the penultimate round of the European Class One and Class Two championships and a round of all the leading British championship classes, the event should be a glittering spectacle.

The tenth round of the British Offshore Circuit Racing Drivers Association championship will be held this weekend at Falmouth.

Chris Bush, the reigning world grand prix inland circuit champion, makes his first appearance of the season in Europe when he competes in Budapest on Sunday. He lies joint second in the championship table.

Jonathan Jones, of Wales, continues to lead the table in spite of finishing out of the points reckoning, in eighth position, in the fifth round of the series in St Louis last week because the engine trim on his borrowed boat broke.



TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Tour match
11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0
CANTERBURY: Kent v Australians.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Bristol: Gloucestershire v Worcestershire; Southampton: Hampshire v Essex; Blackpool: Lancashire v Glamorgan; Market Harborough: Leicestershire v Sussex; Enfield: Middlesex v Northamptonshire; Banstead: Surrey v Nottinghamshire; Marske-by-Sea: Yorkshire v Somerset.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Woolwich National championship (Worthing); Scottish women's championships (Ayr).

GOLF: Murphy's Cup (St Pierre); Boys' championship (Nairn); Girls' championship (Carlisle); Peugeot Assistants' championship (Hillside).

MOTOR SPORT: International F3000 championship practice (Brands Hatch).

SHOOTING: National small-bore rifle association meeting (Bisley).

SPORT ON TV

ATHLETICS: Eurosport 9-10pm: Isted meeting: Grand prix from West Berlin.

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL: Eurosport 2.30-3.30pm: from Australia.

BASEBALL: Screensport 3.30-6pm: Major League: Oakland A's v California Angels. Eurosport 5-6pm: Major League: Highlights of California Angels v Oakland A's. ITV 4-5am (tomorrow): Major League: Highlights of Boston Red Sox v Cleveland Indians.

BOWLS: BBC2 Wales 10.50am-12.30pm and 3-3.40pm. Highlights 8-8.30pm: Welsh national championship: The final from Ebbw Vale (includes show jumping).

BOXING: Screensport 2.30-4.30am (tomorrow): Top Rank event from the United States.

CYCLING: Eurosport 3.30-4.30 and 10-11pm: World championships from Lyons.

EQUESTRIANISM: Eurosport 12.30-1.30pm: Barbour British Open Horse Trials from Gatcombe Park. BBC2 3-4.30pm. Eurosport 8-8pm: European show jumping championships from Rotterdam. Screensport 8-9pm and 4.30-5.30am (tomorrow): Pru Bloch classic: Show jumping from the United States.

FOOTBALL: Eurosport 1.30-2.30pm: World Cup qualifying: Highlights of Costa Rica v El Salvador.

GOLF: Screensport 7.30-8am and 9.30-10pm: Inside the PGA. Screensport 10am-1.30pm: United States PGA championship: Third and final days from Hawthorn Woods, Illinois.

MOTORCYCLING: Screensport 9-9.30pm: Belgian 500cc motocross championship.

MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 8-8pm: World rally championship: Argentina rally. Eurosport 11.30am-midday: Mobil news. C4 2-2.30pm: The grand prix racing car 1945-1966: The Italian jobs. Screensport 5-7pm: European rallycross championship: Belgium round. Screensport 7-8pm: Powersports International. Screensport midnight-2.30am (tomorrow): SPEEDWAY STAR NATIONAL LEAGUE PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP: Hackney Stadium, a long-established venue for speedway, stages this year's National League pairs championship, sponsored by *Speedway Star*. Tomorrow's programme of 27 races, larger than at a league meeting, offers a night of competitive entertainment. To complete the jamboree of heats, 16 of the league's 18 clubs are represented.

The Hackney track is popular with the riders because its medium size offers no real advantage, particularly to the home pair, Andy Galvin and Paul Whittaker, who ride in Group A.

Returning to his former club, Mark Loram, aged 18, partners Chris Louis in Group B. The Ipswich pair are riding very well and are much fancied for the title. They represent the best of the young talent in the league, which has not gone unnoticed for Loram joins King's Lynn next season, a step up to the British League. However, the young riders will have to contend with experience in their group. Mark Courtney, now with Berwick, won in 1980, riding for Middlesbrough.

He competes with David Blackburn. Les Collins, a former world individual finalist, won the title for Edinburgh in 1988 with Doug Wyer. This year his Edinburgh teammate is Brett Saunders.

How to get there: Hackney Stadium, Waterden Road, London, E15 (Tel 01-985 9822). Admission is £5.50 for adults and £2.50 for children and pensioners. Souvenir programme costs £1. First heat is at 7pm and racing continues until about 10pm.

NASCAR racing: Budweiser 500 from Watkins Glen.

RACING: C4 2.35, 3.10, 3.40 and 4.10 races from Sandown Park. C4 8-8pm: A day at the races: Profile of Tavor Kersey, trainer of steeplechasers and hunters.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Eurosport 7-8pm: St George v Canterbury: Highlights from Australia.

SURFING: Eurosport 12-12.30pm: Surfer magazine from Hawaii.

SWIMMING: Eurosport 10.30-11.30am, 6-7pm and 11pm-midnight: European championships from Bonn (includes diving and water polo).

TENNIS: Screensport 1.30-3pm, 10pm-midnight and 5.30-7.30am (tomorrow): GTE United States hardcourt championships: Semi-finals and finals.

TRIATHLON: Screensport 7-7.30am and 3-30pm: World championships from France.

WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS: Screensport 9-10am.

TRY THIS

Paul Maher's suggestion for a sporting day out

STUDENT SPORT

Mugglestone withdraws from Games

By Mark Herbert

Lack of fitness has forced Simon Mugglestone, the international 5,000 metres runner, to withdraw from the Great Britain athletics team for the World Student Games in Duisburg, West Germany, next week.

Mugglestone, from Oxford University, sustained an injury during the winter and has spent the season struggling to recapture the form that brought him the European junior championship two years ago.

"All the athletes we chose had to prove they were fit enough to go," the British team coach, Peter Warden, said. "Simon said he wasn't fit enough and suggested himself that he should drop out."

He is replaced by John Nuttall, aged 22, from Iowa State University.

Jo Jennings, who represented Britain in the high jump at the Olympic Games in Seoul, has been dropped after failing to achieve the qualifying standard of 1.85 metres.

● Injury has forced Chris Heathcote, one of the British rowing eight, out of the Games. Wade Hall-Craggs, of Durham University, replaces him.

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Progressive Fenfire can stay one step ahead of handicapper

By Mandarin

Fenfire, who has made rapid strides in the last six weeks, is napped to complete a treble in the *Mail On Sunday* Three-Year-Old Series Handicap at Sandown Park today.

Geoff Wragg's filly was unraced at two and showed little ability on her first four outings this season. However, the daughter of Trojan Fen left her previous form behind when landing a 19-runner claiming race at Leicester last month.

Moved up to handicap company at Newmarket three weeks later, Fenfire showed further improvement when overcoming considerable difficulties in running to capture another race in the *Mail On Sunday* Series.

After making headway two out, Dale Gibson found himself trapped in at the furlong marker with Celestial Melody having poached an apparently unassailable lead. When an opening eventually came, Fenfire quickly made ground on the leader to win going away by three-quarters of a length.

The manner of that success suggests that Fenfire will be well suited by today's extra furlong and, although she has been raised 6lb for her Newmarket victory, this progressive type still looks one step ahead of the handicapper.

Follow The Sea (seventh) is held by Fenfire on Newmarket running and greater threats may come from Shotiche and Parador who finished second and third respectively behind Storm Force in a three-horse race at Lingfield a fortnight ago but had previously shown good winning form.

Be My Chief can extend his unbeaten sequence to five by confirming his superiority over Robellation and Balla Cove in the group three Imry Solario Stakes.

Henry Cecil's colt beat Robellation by only half a length in the Lanson Vintage Champagne Stakes at Goodwood last month but the runner-up may have been slightly flattered as Steve Cauthen eased the winner close home.

Balla Cove finished 5½ lengths adrift of Be My Chief when third in his previous race at Newmarket and has seemingly no chance of reversing those placings on 2lb worse terms.

Luca Cumani looks to have found an excellent opportunity for Sheikh Mohammed's useful filly Rain Burst in the listed BBA Atalanta Stakes.

A fair third to Wood Dancer in a valuable Sandown handicap on good ground last time, Rain Burst had previously shown better form on a faster surface when fifth to the high-class Golden Opinion in the group one Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot.

The only other runner with pattern race form is Miss Fancy That, who chased home stable companion Lady Shipley in the Lupe Stakes at Goodwood in May before disappointing in another listed race in Ireland when fifth to Petite Ile at Phoenix Park. She looks a greater danger than the narrow Newbury maiden winner River's Rising.

However Miss Fancy That fares, her trainer Michael Stoute and jockey Walter Swinburn should be on the mark later in the afternoon with Destiny Dance in the West End Fillies' Graduation Stakes.

By Nijinsky out of the high-class Alydar mare Althea, Destiny Dance was an impressive winner at Haydock two weeks ago and this looks a suitable stepping stone to better things.

William Haggas, well on course to achieve his best season, can land the Singapore Airlines Megatop Nursery with the treble-seeking Green's Leader. The form of his latest victory over Final Shot and Trojan Excel at Thirsk looks all the better for Trojan Excel's two subsequent successes.

Bella Rossi, who ran fast for a long way in a valuable handicap at Salisbury last week, takes a drop in class for the August Claiming Stakes and is preferred to Mzeff.

Blinkered first time

There are no horses wearing blinkers for the first time at Sandown Park today.



Henry Cecil's unbeaten Be My Chief attempts to extend his winning sequence to five in today's Imry Solario Stakes at Sandown where he is opposed by two rivals

Cacoethes on course for York showpiece

Cacoethes, the colt that came within a neck of upsetting dual classic hero Nashwan in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot, attempts to win the £150,000 *Juddmonte International* Stakes at York on Tuesday provided the ground is in his favour.

Guy Harwood's colt was one of 10 entered for the group one race at the five-day stage yesterday, but one of the joint-owners Tony Ward warned that though the extended 10-furlong contest was his intended target the going would have to be fast.

"*He is certain to run subject to* the ground being suitable. If it is anything less than the fastish side of good then we might have to pull him out," Ward said.

Cacoethes demonstrated at Ascot how well he can perform when given the right ground conditions by reducing a seven-length beating from Nashwan in the Derby on good going to a hard-fought neck.

The going on the Knavesmire at the moment is described as good and Ward added: "Ideally we would want it faster than that. The long-range weather forecast is predicting a dry spell and if it proves accurate we should get the conditions we want.

"Cacoethes is flying and I wouldn't think the shorter trip would bother him one iota. A mile and a quarter at York at the pace the race will be run will be *the equivalent of the mile and a* half at Ascot and the long straight should suit him well."

The entries for the race are: Batshoof, Cacoethes, Carroll House, Ile De Chypre, Lapierre, Magic Gleam, Petrullo, Scenic, Shady Heights, Two Timing.

Black Monday 12-1 for Ebor

Three horses were well supported with Hills yesterday for the Ebor Handicap at York on Wednesday. Black Monday was cut to 12-1 (from 14-1), Cossack Guard 16-1 (from 20-1) and Tender Type 20-1 (from 25-1). Guy Harwood's three-year-old *Horn Dance, who won his only* outing, at Newmarket last October, remains the 5-1 favourite.

Ripon objective

Erris Express, who landed a gamble from 16-1 to 9-1 second favourite in the Max Jaffa Sprint Handicap at Beverley yesterday, will make a quick reappearance in tomorrow's Great St Wilfrid Handicap at Ripon.

Duffield's double ends on sour note with two-day ban

By George Rae

George Duffield was suspended for two days, August 26-27, for improper riding on Grey Fellow at Brighton yesterday, a sour end to an otherwise profitable afternoon.

Grey Fellow, the winner of the Newhaven Selling Handicap, was the second leg of a 14-1 *double for Duffield and trainer* Mark Prescott, initiated by the hard-fought victory of Arpero in the Saddlescombe Maiden Fillies Stakes half an hour earlier.

Duffield admitted that he had been hard on the previously reluctant Grey Fellow but that the colt would not have won otherwise. However, the stewards considered Duffield to have used the whip with unreasonable frequency and banned him.

Arpero, backed from 3-1 to 15-8, justified her tall home reputation although she had *only a short head to spare after a* determined challenge by Clare Court.

The winner is entered in both the Hoover Fillies Mile and the Cheveley Park Stakes this autumn, and the runner-up also holds the Hoover Mile engagement.

"We thought she would win today if the track didn't beat her," Edward Hanmer, Prescott's assistant, said. "We will *give her a couple more* educational runs before thinking about the better-class races at the end of the year."

Prescott and Duffield seem to have hit on a winning formula for Brighton. Both Grey Fellow and Arpero were up with the pace throughout, following the example of the stables' front-running winners, Les Tamaris and Simply Henry, at the last meeting here. "It's the best place to be on this course," Duffield said. "You are away from trouble and the horses behind you sometimes find it difficult *to stretch out to challenge on the* very fast ground."

Reg Akehurst took his seasonal total to 26, one short of his best Flat score, when African Dash, ridden by Pat Eddery, held Bluebird Lady by a head in the Seagulls Maiden Stakes.

It was the filly's first appearance for Akehurst since joining him from Alec Stewart about six weeks ago, and she may next step up to seven furlongs.

Akehurst and Eddery will team up again for the valuable Great St Wilfrid Handicap at Ripon tomorrow with Thornfield Boy.

While Akehurst has flourished this year, Ian Matthews *has found life far harder.* He was a relieved man as he greeted Oriental Splendour's win in the George Robey Challenge Trophy, only the fifth success of a virus-ridden season.

"We haven't had a winner since Solo Artist at Chester in May," Matthews said, "and this is our first runner from the yard since Royal Ascot week."

No less relieved was Tony McGlone, who joined Matthews as stable jockey in June, just as the trainer's fortunes hit rock bottom.

Geoff Lawson, speaking after Guy Harwood's Lord Balmerino had worn down Lucky Round in the Lancing Maiden Stakes, had news of the stable's high class two-year-old Raj Waki. "He is not quite right although it's not something I can put my finger on," Lawson said. "He won't go to York but *we will think about the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster*, provided he is back to his best."



George Duffield: banned for excessive use of whip

Equine flu in Newmarket

Equine influenza, previously reported in other parts of the country, has now been confirmed in several Newmarket stables, following laboratory testing at the Animal Health Trust.

The influenza, known as A/equine-2, is a highly infectious virus which was first diagnosed in a group of army horses early in July and was later confirmed in ponies and *show horses before spreading to* thoroughbreds.

The Animal Health Trust is advising trainers that horses which are currently vaccinated but have not had a booster injection during the last four to six months should be given a further booster as soon as possible.

SANDOWN PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Bella Rossi.
2.35 Green's Leader.
3.10 Rain Burst.
3.40 Be My Chief.
4.10 FENFIRE (nap).
4.45 Destiny Dance.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.00 Nikki Dow.
2.35 Green's Leader.
3.10 Miss Fancy That.
3.40 Be My Chief.
4.10 Fenfire.
4.45 DESTINY DANCE (nap).

By Michael Seely

2.35 Miss Pelota. 3.10 Rain Burst. 4.45 DESTINY DANCE (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.10 RAIN BURST.

Going: good to firm **Draw: 5f, high numbers best**

2.0 AUGUST CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,834: 5f) (11 runners)

101 (8) 111260 MZEFF 6 (B,D,F) (K Al-Said) D Elsworth 9-2 ... S Cauthen 91
102 (9) 302150 BELLA ROSSI 9 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Hemsworth) M McCormack 8-7 ... J Reid ● 99
103 (7) 533115 SHARP STEVEN 8 (B,D,F) (Mrs A Galvanoni) J Berry 8-7 ... A Bacon 81
104 (3) 4-66642 HOW'S YER FATHER 36 (B) (Unity Farm Holiday Ltd) P Cundell 8-4 ... N Adams 73
105 (1) 054160 TORKIS 22 (B,D,F) (G Darby) R Simpson 8-4 ... S Whitworth 85
106 (6) 100-365 JOMANA 7 (D,F) (M Nashar) J Fox 8-3 ... W Carson 86
107 (5) 2413-1 NIKKI DOW 11 (D,F,S) (G Waters) M Prescott 8-3 ... G Duffield 81
108 (4) 024393 PANAMA PRINCESS 16 (CD,F) (Wessex Bloodstock) K C-Brown 8-3 ... Pat Eddery 81
109 (2) 43-0000 MISS BATCHWORTH 7 (Mrs D Price) C Holmes 8-1 ... L Newton (7) —
110 (10) 50-0825 BRASSY NELL 18 (B) (Mrs M Nelson) R Hannon 7-13 ... A McGlone 90
111 (11) 001004 EVER RECKLESS 16 (B,D,F) (B Monkhouse) R Stubbs 7-12 ... W Cahill (7) 85

BETTING: 4-1 Bella Rossi, 5-1 Nikki Dow, 6-1 Mzeff, 7-1 Panama Princess, 8-1 How's Yer Father, Sharp Steven, 10-1 Ever Reckless, Jomana, 12-1 others.

1988: CUMBRIAN WALTZER 3-9-2 W Carson (15-8 fav) M H Easterby 14 ran

FORM *MZEFF made all to beat Falcon Flight a short-head in a similar event at* Haydock (6f, good to firm) with HOW'S YER FATHER (4lb better off) 6¾l 4th. MZEFF followed up with a 2l 2nd to The Kings Daughter over course and distance (firm) with TORKIS (5lb worse off) 8th and EVER RECKLESS (6lb worse off) 9th of the 10 runners. He has disappointed on last two starts.
BELLA ROSSI beat Brave Melody a neck at Chester (5f, good to firm) in July but has disappointed since. JOMANA best effort on reappearance when 1¼l 3rd to Hard to Figure in a handicap at Bath (5f, firm) with *PANAMA PRINCESS (10lb worse off) a head last of 4; latest 8¾l 5th of 14 to Emerald Ring at Newbury (6f, good) with MISS BATCHWORTH (6lb worse off) 11th.*
SHARP STEVEN completed a double with a 2l *success over Devils Dirge at Brighton (5f 66yd,* hard); latest slowly away finishing 2¼l 5th to Sidelooker Special at Catterick (6f, good). NIKKI DOW was all out to beat Green Dollar a head at Windsor (6f, good to firm).
Selection: MZEFF

2.35 SINGAPORE AIRLINES MEGATOP NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £4,500: 1m) (14 runners) C4

201 (2) 31305 WAKE UP 27 (F) (Mrs E Lambton) W Jarvis 9-7 ... B Raymond 85
202 (14) 81 GLAZERITE 22 (F) (P Glazerite Ltd) R Guest 9-7 ... Paul Eddery 93
203 (3) 311 GREEN'S LEADER 21 (F) (R Green (Fine Paintings)) W Haggas 9-5 ... M Hills 96
204 (6) 531 FLAMING GLORY 41 (C,G) (F Salman) M Bell 9-3 ... W Carson 87
205 (8) 22034 REGAL THATCH 28 (C Olley) C Brittain 8-13 ... M Roberts 87
206 (7) 41633 THE ISLAND 45 (S) (J Durkin) M Haynes 8-13 ... R Fox 91
207 (4) 3105 CONJURER 34 (F) (D Allen) R Hannon 8-11 ... S Cauthen 81
208 (1) 6325 FYFIELD HOUSE 9 (BTR & B Plc) G Balding 8-11 ... J Williams 90
209 (5) 02411 MISS PELOTA 4 (B,F) (Sir A Page-Wood) A Scott 8-10 (5ex) ... Pat Eddery ● 99
210 (10) 4263 CHESS PIECE 20 (G Hough) P Mitchell 8-8 ... S Whitworth 90
211 (11) 5061 GO HOLIMARINE 18 (F) (Mrs G Dunlop) C Williams 8-7 ... G Baxter 92
212 (13) 0354 TOAST THE HOST 14 (G Holmes) R Hannon 8-6 ... A McGlone 90
213 (12) 26010 SUM MEDE 20 (F) (Nimrod Company) R Hannon 8-5 ... B Rouse 88
214 (9) 255 LANZAROTE 105 (D Smith) A Bailey 8-3 ... G Carter 91

BETTING: 4-1 Green's Leader, 5-1 Glazerite, 6-1 Miss Pelota, Flaming Glory, 8-1 Regal Thatch, 10-1 Go Holimarine, Wake Up, 12-1 Fyfield House, The Island, 14-1 others.

1988: BRIGGSCARE 8-7 Pat Eddery (5-1) W Jarvis 9 ran

FORM GLAZERITE kept on well to beat Cameo Performance ½l at Doncaster (7f, firm). Should improve further. GREEN'S LEADER at Doncaster (7f, good to firm) won by a head from San Greco and Thirsk (7f, firm) by a short-head from Final Shot.
FLAMING GLORY needed to be driven out to beat Jebeil 1½l here over 7f (good) with REGAL THATCH (1lb better off) ½l 3rd. THE ISLAND was a well beaten 14l 3rd of 6 to Between The Sticks at Windsor (5f, good to firm) but had CHESS PIECE (1lb worse off) 5l back in 4th.
CHESS PIECE subsequently finished 1l 3rd to Native Tribe at Goodwood (7f, firm) with SUM MEDE (same terms) 9th of 13. MISS PELOTA came from behind to beat Qualitair Dream ½l in a seller at Newmarket (7f, good to firm) on penultimate start; *latest beat Taskforce Fixed ¾l in a Leicester claimer* (7f, good to firm).
Selection: GLAZERITE (nap)

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
L Cumani	12	36	33.3	Pat Eddery	60	247	24.3
H Cecil	18	64	28.1	R Cochrane	27	134	20.1
G Harwood	27	102	26.5	G Starkey	22	113	19.5
I Balding	16	71	22.5	S Cauthen	36	213	16.9
J Tree	8	37	21.6	W R Swinburn	29	184	15.8
M Stoute	30	151	19.9	W Carson	32	231	13.9

3.10 BBA ATALANTA STAKES (Listed race: fillies: £10,606: 1m) (8 runners) C4

301 (1) 410303 HOORAY LADY 16 (D,F,G) (BTR & B Plc) G Balding 5-9-1 ... J Williams 85
302 (2) 51 RIVER'S RISING 35 (D,F) (S Niarchos) J Tree 3-8-9 ... Pat Eddery 80
303 (4) 521 DIMMER 22 (C,F) (Duke Of Roxburghe) R Armstrong 3-8-6 ... M Roberts 88
304 (3) 221124 GREEN'S SEASCAPE 27 (D,F,G) (R Green Paintings) W Jarvis 3-8-6 ... B Raymond 77
305 (6) 851110 MINSTREL GUEST 36 (D,F) (R Tikkoo) P Walwyn 3-8-6 ... G Baxter 79
306 (5) 13-25 MISS FANCY THAT 62 (F) (M Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-6 ... W R Swinburn 88
307 (7) 3213 POWER TAKE OFF 8 (CD,F) (Mrs B Skinner) D Elsworth 3-8-6 ... W Carson 90
308 (8) 3-12153 RAIN BURST 41 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 3-8-6 ... R Cochrane ● 99

BETTING: 6-4 Rain Burst, 3-1 Miss Fancy That, 5-1 Power Take Off, 8-1 River's Rising, 8-1 Dimmer, 12-1 Minstrel Guest, 14-1 Green's Seascape, 16-1 Hooray Lady.

1988: DABAWEYAA 3-8-9 W R Swinburn (9-4 fav) M Stoute 10 ran

FORM HOORAY LADY finished 3l 3rd to *Silver Owl at Brighton (1m 4f, hard).* RIVER'S RISING needed to be driven out to beat Lord David S ¾l at Newbury (1m, good to firm).
GREEN'S SEASCAPE finished 2l 2nd to Bournville at Newmarket (7f, good) on penultimate start with MINSTREL GUEST (5lb better off) 10th of 14. MINSTREL GUEST earlier ½l winner over Racing Home in a handicap at Ascot (1m, firm).
MISS FANCY THAT was comfortably held by Lady Shipley when beaten 4l at Goodwood (1m 2f, firm) on seasonal bow. POWER TAKE OFF ran on well to beat Mountain Bluebird 2l over course and distance (good to firm) on penultimate start; earlier 7l 2nd to Thode at Kempton (1m, good to firm) with DIMMER (same terms) 3½l 5th of the 14 runners.
RAIN BURST beat Command Performer 3l at Goodwood (1m, firm); latest 4½l 3rd to Wood Dancer over course and distance (good). Was also not disgraced when 5¼l 5th to Golden Opinion in a group I race at Ascot (1m, firm).
Selection: RAIN BURST

3.40 IMRY SOLARIO STAKES (Group III: 2-Y-O: £25,330: 7f) (3 runners) C4

401 (1) 1111 BE MY CHIEF 22 (D,F,G) (P Burrell) H Cecil 9-0 ... S Cauthen ● 99
402 (3) 32531 BALLA COVE 8 (D,F) (J Ellis) R Boss 8-11 ... Pat Eddery 82
403 (2) 21021 ROBELLATION 14 (D,F) (F Lever (Partners)) G Harwood 8-11 ... G Starkey 97

BETTING: 4-9 Be My Chief, 2-1 Robellation, 8-1 Balla Cove.

1988: HIGH ESTATE 9-0 S Cauthen (4-7 fav) H Cecil 6 ran

FORM BE MY CHIEF followed debut Doncaster maiden success with listed victories at Royal Ascot and Newmarket (7f, good) when comfortably defeating Long Island 3l with BALLA COVE (2lb worse off) 2½l 3rd. Has since gained most notable success in group III event at Goodwood (7f, firm) making all and running on well to defeat ROBELLATION (same terms) ½l.
BALLA COVE lost his maiden at Salisbury (7f, good to firm) when making all to defeat Digression 2l. ROBELLATION in a graduation race at Lingfield (7f, firm) very easily beat Sink The Fleet 4l.
Selection: BE MY CHIEF

4.10 MAIL ON SUNDAY SERIES HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,532: 1m 1f) (11 runners) C4

501 (7) 1-555 VITALITY 37 (G) (The Queen) I Balding 9-7 ... J Matthias 96
502 (6) 3-14612 SHOTICHE 14 (F,G) (K Abdulla) J Tree 9-4 ... Pat Eddery 92
503 (9) 4-3322 ENSHARP 59 (BF) (Sir G White) M Stoute 8-13 ... W R Swinburn 93
504 (3) 044113 PARADOR 14 (C,BF,F) (A Speelman) G Harwood 8-11 ... G Starkey 91
505 (10) 31 WHERE IS SHE 15 (F) (Hatfields Farming Co Ltd) J Hills 8-6 ... R Hills 93
506 (5) 300060 FOLLOW THE SEA 20 (BF) (H Hutton) R Akehurst 8-4 ... T Williams 89
507 (7) 0-25042 VILANIKA 22 (W Gredley) C Brittain 8-2 ... M Roberts ● 99
508 (4) 060511 FENFIRE 20 (F) (H Morriss) G Wragg 8-1 ... Dale Gibson (5) 97
509 (2) 0-040 RUSCAROFF 64 (A Waldie) J Hills 8-1 ... M Hills 93
510 (8) 06-0 KEEP YOUR WORD 63 (Miss B Swire) G Balding 7-12 ... N Adams 88
511 (11) 00-000 GOLDEN ANN 38 (E Cohen) G Balding 7-7 ... N Carlisle 79

Long handicap: Golden Ann 6-13.

BETTING: 7-2 Shotiche, 9-2 Parador, 5-1 Where Is She, 6-1 Fenfire, 7-1 Ensharp, 8-1 Vilanika, 10-1 Follow The Sea, 12-1 Vitality, 14-1 others.

1988: DARNELLE 8-9 Pat Eddery (10-1) B Hills 13 ran

FORM SHOTICHE led over 1f out until well inside the final furlong on latest start in Lingfield handicap (1m 2f, firm) when finishing head 2nd to Storm Force with PARADOR (2lb better off) 1½l last of 3. ENSHARP ran on inside the final furlong to finish ½l 2nd to Actress in a Leicester handicap (7f, good).
WHERE IS SHE justified favouritism in a Pontefract maiden (1m 2f, firm) defeating Peak District ¾l.
VILANIKA was caught close home when a head 2nd to Liquid Asset in a Doncaster handicap (7f, firm). FENFIRE after struggling to get some room burst through to lead close home defeating Celestial Melody ¾l with FOLLOW THE SEA (10lb better off) 7th in a Newmarket handicap (1m, good to firm). RUSCAROFF was not disgraced on penultimate start in a Pontefract maiden (1m, good to firm) finishing 6l 4th to Mbulwa.
Selection: VILANIKA

4.45 WEST END FILLIES GRADUATION STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,548: 1m 3f 100yd) (7 runners)

601 (1) 6-14 ALL SAINTS DAY 21 (F) (The Queen) W Hern 9-5 ... W Carson 95
602 (5) 021 DESTINY DANCE 14 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 9-5 ... W R Swinburn ● 99
603 (7) 1-00 LABELON LADY 13 (F) (Labelon Sales Ltd) H Cecil 9-5 ... S Cauthen 77
604 (4) 5300-40 PERSIAN MOON 70 (C,G) (Major H Cayzer) D Elsworth 9-5 ... Pat Eddery 86
605 (3) 28- BILANDER 280 (R Hollingsworth) W Hern 8-11 ... B Procter 87
606 (6) 42 CROWN CREST 28 (P Mellon) I Balding 8-11 ... J Matthias 98
607 (2) 0-0 SEQUANA 37 (Mrs E Richards) D Elsworth 8-11 ... S Dawson —

BETTING: 5-4 Destiny Dance, 5-2 Crown Crest, 4-1 All Saints Day, 6-1 Labelon Lady, 12-1 Persian Moon, 14-1 Bilander, 25-1 Sequana.

1988: EARLY CALL 9-6 W Newnes (5-1) H Candy 6 ran

FORM ALL SAINTS DAY won a Brighton maiden (1m 2f, hard) on her reappearance defeating Travel Storm 6l; latest 11½l 4th to Roblet at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm). DESTINY DANCE was eased inside the final furlong when comfortably defeating Dhakrah 3l in a Haydock maiden (1m 4f, good to firm).
LABELON LADY weakened quickly after leading until over 2f out finishing a well beaten 8th of 9 to Blue Orca in a Redcar handicap (1m 2f, firm).
PERSIAN MOON finished a fair 10l 4th to Lady Shipley on her penultimate start in a listed event at Goodwood (1m 2f, firm).
BILANDER showed promise in a maiden at Wolverhampton (1m 1f, good) when 3l 2nd to Alysa.
CROWN CREST returned a creditable performance to finish 4l 2nd to Pride Of Araby in a Ascot maiden (1m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: CROWN CREST

BANGOR

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Life Peerage.
2.30 Dusty Diplomacy.
3.00 Combo.
3.30 Watershed.
4.00 Gerami.
4.30 Well Covered.

Going: firm (watering)

2.0 BBC RADIO WALES NOVICES HURDLE (£1,846: 2m) (6 runners)

1 21/69U-1 CHARLIE BURTON 13 (B,D,F) (G Jones) G Jones 7-11-7 ... H Davies ● 99
2 0/5695-4 SLIPPERY MAX 19 (J McLaren) D Nicholson 5-11-1 ... R Dunwoody 87
3 24-2 LIFE PEERAGE 8 (S Wadsworth Ltd) *J Mackie 4-10-12* ... S J O'Neill 98
4 TILSTONE LODGE 16F (C Jenkins) T Caldwell 4-10-12 ... Peter Caldwell —
5 0P/F00- HIXON GIRL 99 (V Lockley) W Clay 6-10-10 ... R Bevan (7) —
6 4 SISTER CHABRIAS 13 (BF) (P McMahon) M Pipe 4-10-7 ... J Lower 95

BETTING: 6-4 Charlie Burton, 11-4 Sister Chabrias, 4-1 Life Peerage, 13-2 Slippery Max, 16-1 Tilstone Lodge, 25-1 Hixon Girl.

1988: CARSWELL'S CHOICE 5-11-1 C Grant (11-8 jt-fav) R Fisher 9 ran

2.30 BBC RADIO SHROPSHIRE SELLING HANDICAP CHASE (£1,884: 2m) (5 runners)

1 1/11-32 DUSTY DIPLOMACY 15 (B,D,F) (M Pipe) M Pipe 8-12-0 ... J Lower 96
2 5U4131- STERLING VIRTUE 178 (D,F,S) (R Jeffries) K Wingrove 8-11-3 ... J Ledder (7) 98
3 UP/U2-1 BRINKWATER 7 (D,F,G) (J White) J White 13-11-2 (5ex) ... D Skyrme (5) —
4 4621-41 THE COBALT UNIT 13 (D,F) (B Byford) B Byford 10-10-8 ... G Martin 92
5 PF6F-63 RED BOLT 4 (F) (Mrs V Harrison) P Evans 7-10-3 ... T Wall ● 99

BETTING: 11-10 Dusty Diplomacy, 3-1 Sterling Virtue, 5-1 Brinkwater, 6-1 The Cobalt Unit, 14-1 Red Bolt.

1988: SAM'S FRIEND 7-10-4 B Powell (2-1 jt-fav) G Ham 6 ran

3.0 BIRD PRITCHARD ASSOCIATES NOVICES CHASE (£2,479: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

1 00885-1 BUSTED SPRING 6 (CD,F (A Millard) K White 8-11-8 ... T Wall 89
2 255-133 ROY PRINCE 13 (F,G) (H Insley) W Clay 6-11-8 ... R Bevan (7) 97
3 FU3/ THE GREY GUNNER 486 (J Newton-Taylor) Miss H Knight 9-11-1 ... B Dowling —
4 056422- COMBO 99 (Straight Deal Racing Plc) *D Nicholson 5-10-10* ... R Dunwoody ● 99
5 PP468-5 GILLY'S COMET 9 (B) (R Juckes) R Juckes 5-10-5 ... W McFarland (5) 80

BETTING: 8-11 Combo, 3-1 Roy Prince, 6-1 Busted Spring, 12-1 Gilly's Comet, 14-1 The Grey Gunner.

1988: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

3.30 MARCHER SOUND NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (3-Y-O: £1,576: 2m) (7 runners)

1 1 VALIANT DASH 9F (D,F) (G Orchard) S Kettlewell 11-0 ... J Callaghan (7) —
2 6 WATERSHED 8 (Killoran Civil Ltd) N Tinkler 11-0 ... M Hill —
3 3 ALWAYS GREAT 28 (H Insley) W Clay 10-10 ... R Bevan (7) —
4 RIESENER 17F (R Hollinshead) R Hollinshead 10-7 ... Gary Lyons (7) —
5 32 THE GANNOCHY 7 (B) (D Montagu) N Henderson 10-7 ... R Dunwoody —
6 6 PELOTA 14 (A Lee) A Lee 10-5 ... S Woods (3) —
7 PIN CUSHION (Combined Racing Ltd) D Ball 10-2 ... — —

BETTING: 5-4 Valiant Dash, 11-4 Watershed, 9-2 The Gannochy, 8-1 Always Great, 14-1 Pelota, 16-1 others.

1988: HI-HANNAH 3-10-13 P Scudamore (10-11 fav) M Pipe 10 ran

4.0 EVENING LEADER HANDICAP CHASE (£2,525: 3m 2f) (5 runners)

1 F231-11 GERAMI 6 (B,D,F,G,S) (R McAlpine) J Edwards 9-12-7 (7ex) ... N Williamson (5) 94
2 U613-23 HEADIN' ON 6 (BF,F) (Mrs H Knott) K White 9-10-12 ... T Wall 97
3 3332F2- GOLDEN DELICIOUS 193 (F,G) (S Wadsworth Ltd) J Bukovets 9-10-8 ... J Short 97
4 56812P- MARSHLANDER 76 (D,F) (O Pierce) D Gandolfo 10-10-0 ... S McNeill 98
5 P2P45-4 PALMER'S GOLD 5 (F) (P Rothery) E Owen 9-10-0 ... S Davies (7) ● 99

Long handicap: Marshlander 9-12, Palmer's Gold 9-8.

BETTING: 11-8 Gerami, 9-4 Headin' On, 9-2 Golden Delicious, 13-2 Marshlander, 12-1 Palmer's Gold.

1988: PRINCE BUBBLY 7-10-11 R Marley (10-11 fav) M Avison 3 ran

4.30 TONIGHT HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,982: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

1 4484P-F WELL COVERED 6 (CD,F,G) (G Hamilton) R Hollinshead 8-11-10 ... R Dunwoody ● 99
2 FP4401- CARDGROVE 84 (F) (Tawreil Ltd) J Bukovets 6-10-10 ... W Bird (7) 96
3 65060-1 GRAYROSE DOUBLE 6 (CD,F) *(Dr G Jones) E Owen 6-10-9 (7ex)* ... S Davies (7) 88
4 0P-2 TRAPEZE ARTIST 6 (B) (S Wadsworth Ltd) J Bukovets 8-10-4 ... J Short 89
5 040/00P- MORVERN 99 (V,CD,F,S) (T Evans) Mrs J Evans 10-10-0 ... T Wall —

Long handicap: Morvern 9-12.

BETTING: 2-1 Cardgrove, 9-4 Well Covered, 3-1 Grayrose Double, 5-1 Trapeze Artist, 16-1 Morvern.

1988: JOHNNY SHARP 4-10-0 S Davies (3-1) Miss S Wilton 7 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Pipe	14	31	45.2	J Lower	3	10	30.0
J Edwards	16	62	25.8	J Lodder	3	11	27.3
J Mackie	3	13	23.1	B Dowling	6	35	17.1
D Gandolfo	7	32	21.9	R Dunwoody	7	60	11.7
D Nicholson	4	21	19.0	T Wall	6	68	8.8
K White	6	44	13.6				

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Selections

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2.15 Inishpour. 2.45 Bonnie Artist. 3.15 Paris Match. 3.45 Borleafras. 4.15 Midnight Run. 4.45 Smart In Black.

Going: good

2.15 ABTRUST WEALTH BUILDER NOVICES HURDLE (£1,660: 2m) (15 runners)

1 0/ GLORIOLE 28F R Allan 5-11-0 ... R Marley
2 INISHPOUR 15F Mrs R Wharton 7-11-0 ... P Harte (5)
3 P0P- MARCOMTE 139 D Lamb 6-11-0 ... K Jones
4 00- BANTEL BALOCCO 182 P Monteith 4-10-12 ... D Nolan
5 COMPENSATOR 335F T Cunningham 4-10-12 ... S Cunningham (7)
6 F40- GOOD MOOD 123F I Semple 4-10-12 ... Ger Lyons (3)
7 6P- I'M ALERT 174 J Gillen 4-10-12 ... D Poole (7)
8 MANS NO ANGEL 27F T Craig 4-10-12 ... J Mooney
9 000- PARTY PERIL 175 N Miller 4-10-12 ... C Ryan (7)
10 0F- SKIMMING 16F G Moore 4-10-12 ... M Hammond
11 45-5 SUKAAB 20 B McLean 4-10-12 ... B Storey
12 PSF- DOLITINO 83 Miss Z Green 5-10-9 ... A Stanford (7)
13 85 OUT ON A FLYER 13 J J O'Neill 5-10-9 ... R Supple (3)
14 033- SHERMAGO 97 Mrs J Goodfellow 7-10-9 ... J K Kinane
15 440- COQUETA 18F E Alston 4-10-7 ... M Alston (7)

3-1 Good Mood, 7-2 Coqueta, 11-2 Inishpour, 7-1 Shermago, 9-1 Out On A Flyer, Sukaab, 14-1 Mans No Angel.

2.45 ABTRUST FAR EAST EMERGING ECONOMIES NOVICES CHASE (£2,017: 3m) (5)

1 P-1F LEON 4 (BF,F,G) N Tinkler 7-11-3 ... G McCourt
2 ARRY OPEFUL P Monteith 7-10-10 ... D Nolan
3 056- HEATHER MOTH 107 T Cunningham 7-10-10 ... S Cunningham (7)
4 2-35 NITE OF SPRING 5 Miss Z Green 11-10-10 ... A Stanford (7)
5 -433 BONNIE ARTIST 6 W A Stephenson 5-10-7 ... A Merrigan

8-11 Leon, 9-4 Bonnie Artist, 6-1 Nite Of Spring, 16-1 Heather Moth, 33-1 Arry Opeful.

3.15 ABTRUST EXTRA INCOME FUND SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,394: 2m) (10)

1 P62- PARIS MATCH 89F (D,F) G Moore 7-12-0 ... M Hammond
2 53P- ROLIAD 240 J J O'Neill 5-11-13 ... R Supple (3)
3 13F- GAELIC LOVER 255 (D,F) B Richmond 5-11-3 ... D Telfer (7)
4 06-0 MANIX 20 (B) P Monteith 8-10-11 ... D Nolan
5 P0U- TARPROMISE 76 (F) D Wintle 9-10-7 ... A Carroll
6 040- SOCA DANCER 137 V Thompson 5-10-7 ... Mr M Thompson
7 6-04 RIGHT PATH 6 N Tinkler 4-10-6 ... G McCourt
8 05-1 LA MOLINILLA 9 (F) Miss S Wilton 6-10-5 (5ex) ... S Smith Eccles
9 FP0- SUVAMARVAL 199 K Linton 7-10-2 ... G Thomson (7)
10 3/0- ANDROMAHOS 379 D Burchell 7-10-0 ... D J Burchell

7-4 La Molinilla, 3-1 Roliad, 5-1 Paris Match, 13-2 Gaelic Lover, 10-1 Manix, Soca Dancer, 12-1 others.

3.45 ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD HANDICAP CHASE (£2,387: 2m 4f) (3)

1 026- DORONICUM 153 (D,F,G,S) G Richards 10-11-10 ... P Tuck
2 513- SUFFOLK DOWNS 144 (S) N Miller 7-10-2 ... Ger Lyons (3)
3 F02- BORLEAFRAS 92 (CD,F,G,S) D Moffatt 9-10-0 ... C Dennis (3)

6-4 Borleafras, Suffolk Downs, 11-4 Doronicum.

4.15 ABTRUST WORLD GROWTH FUND NOVICES HURDLE (£1,492: 3m) (6)

1 0/6- JAY DOUBLE YOU 118 N Miller 8-11-0 ... Ger Lyons (3)
2 030- MIDNIGHT RUN 361 (G) R Dickin 10-11-0 ... M Jones (7)
3 0050/ QUIDEST 539 A Fowler 5-11-0 ... D Byrne (3)
4 P5-6 RISK ANOTHER 8 Mrs W Tulle 6-11-0 ... C Dennis (3)
5 0- BAWNRUADH 97 J Parkes 4-10-12 ... R Fahey (3)
6 064- HIGHRYMER 304 J Brockbank 5-10-9 ... P Tuck

5-4 Midnight Run, 3-1 Jay Double You, 4-1 Risk Another, 14-1 others.

4.45 ABTRUST EUROPEAN FUND CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,534: 2m 4f) (4)

1 1-11 SMART IN BLACK 13 (CD,F,S) G Richards 7-11 10 ... N Leech
2 222- ABADJERO 81 (F) A Fowler 6-11-2 ... D Byrne
3 64-1 EARL HANSEL 8 (F,S) R Woodhouse 8-10-11 (4ex) ... R Garritty
4 /00- THE RANNOCH 261 (S) I Semple 6-10-6 ... Ger Lyons

5-4 Earl Hansel, 13-8 Smart In Black, 7-2 Abadjero, 12-1 *The Rannoch.*

Course specialists

TRAINERS: J Gillen, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%, G Moore, 13 from 52, 25.0%, W A Stephenson, 20 from 81, 24.7%, Mrs J Goodfellow, 6 from 25, 24.0%, T Cunningham, 5 from 22, 22.7%; G Richards, 25 from 114, 21.9%.

JOCKEYS: R Garritty, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50.0%, A Carroll, 5 from 23, 21.7%, P Tuck, 19 from 92, 20.7%, M Hammond, 12 from 58, 20.7%, R Marley, 3 from 17, 17.6%, C Dennis, 3 from 18, 16.7%.

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Brighton

Going: firm

2.0 (6f) 1, AFRICAN DASH (Pat Eddery, 5-2); 2, Bluebird Lady (W Newnes, 25-1); 3, Alexandra Katrine (M Roberts, 9-4 fav); 3, ALSO RAN: 11-4 Golden Generation, 8 Russian Ivory (6th), 25 Whisper The Wind (5th), 50 Peacework (4th). 7 ran. Hd, 4l, hd, 4l, nk. *R Akehurst at Epsom.* Tote: £4.30; £2.80, £3.90. DF: £20.20. CSF: £40.88.

2.30 (7f) 1, ARPERO (G Duffield, 15-8); 2, Clare Court (J Matthias, 11-8 fav); 3, Hopscotch (W Carson, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Pomme D'Amour (4th), 11 Tarazed (6th), 16 China Moon, You Know The Rules (5th). 7 ran. NR: Miss Jon Pierre. Sh hd, 4l, 4l, 3l, 12l. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £3.60; £1.90, £1.70. DF: £3.00. CSF: £4.77.

3.0 (1m) 1, *GREY FELLOW* (G Duffield, 9-2); 2, Hidden Beauty (M Roberts, 14-1); 3, Merseyside Man (K Rutter, 4-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 4 jt-fav My Lucky Star (5th), 9-2 Market Maker (4th), 10 Liane Beauty (6th), 12 Reeling, 14 Holster, 33 Spark Of Wit, Presidential Star. 10 ran. ¾l, 4l, 3l, 1½l, 2l. M Prescott at Newmarket. Tote: £6.10; £2.00, £3.40, £1.50. DF: £36.90. CSF: £54.57. Tricast: £241.77. Sold 6,400gns J Ffitch-Heyes.

3.30 (7f) 1, ORIENTAL SPLENDOUR (A McGlone, 11-1); 2, Ateraj (W Carson, 9-2 jt-fav); 3, Bu-Sofyan (B Rouse, 9-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Green Dollar, 7 Highest Praise (4th), 8 Kawwas (5th), 12 Joie De *Rose*, 14 *Red River Boy (6th)*, 16 Vanishing Spirit, 25 Stormy Praise, My Home. 11 ran. 1l, 2½l, 1l, ½l, nk. I Matthews at Newmarket. Tote: £10.90; £3.30, £1.90, £1.50. DF: £24.60. CSF: £54.19. Tricast: £232.90.

4.0 (1m 2f) 1, LORD BALMERINO (A Clark, 2-5 fav); 2, Lucky Round (W Carson, 5-2); 3, First Innings (D D'Arcy, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 40 Yamashita (4th), Moranda (5th). 5 ran. 2l, 25l, 8l, dist. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1.30. DF: £1.50. CSF: £1.86.

4.30 (1m 4f) 1, BARRISH (M Roberts, 6-1); 2, Lyreen River (G Starkey, 9-2); 3, *Nikatino (Pat Eddery, 11-10 fav).* ALSO RAN: 9-2 Soft Shoe Shuffle (4th), 7 Tam Pure (5th), 33 Minus Man (6th). 6 ran. 3l, ½l, 10l, nk, 4l. A Stewart at Newmarket. Tote: £7.20; £3.10, £2.50. DF: £21.90. CSF: £29.52. *Placepot: £177.50.*

Beverley

Going: firm

2.15 (7f 110yd) 1, *RACEY NASKRA* (S Cauthen, 5-1); 2, Otterburn (N Day, 12-1); 3, Debbie's Next (M Hills, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 11-10 fav Jungle Knife (5th), 10 George Stephens (6th), 12 Pame's Grey (4th), 20 *Enchanted Tale*, Dame Lynes, 33 Pure-Lite, 50 Brigien. 10 ran. 1l, 2l, sh hd, 1½l, 3l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £5.20; £1.50, £2.80, £1.30. DF: £42.10. CSF: £58.39. No times available.

2.45 (7f 110yd) 1, ASITAPPENS (R Cochrane, 10-11 fav); 2, Kind Of Shy (A Culhane, 5-1); 3, Threnfolt (G Carter, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Unroyal Windway (5th), 10 Shawiniga (5th), Niklas Angel (4th), 12 Belle-Cote, 16 Small Wind, 20 Rock Pulse, 25 Durley Song, Wall Street Slump, Empress Nicki, 33 Music In My Heart, Talianna, 50 Sammy's Star. 15 ran. 1½l, ¾l, 1½l, nk, 1½l. M Tompkins at Newmarket. Tote: £2.20; £1.40, £2.20, £1.70. DF: £5.80. CSF: £8.52. Bought in for 15,500gns.

3.15 (5f) 1, ERRIS EXPRESS (S Perks, 9-1); 2, *Balkan Leader* (V Deering, 16-1); 3, North Of Watford (J Fortune, 10-1); 4, Golden Flats (J Carter, 4-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 12 Tachyon Park, Farmer Jock, Lucedeo (5th), Highland Rowena, Prevailing Wind, Beckingham Ben (6th), 14 Patcon, Captain's Bidd, 16 Collison Lane, Pentagon Rose, King Charlemagne, 20 Restless Don, Supreme Optimist, 25 Blue Mischief, Singing Steven, 33 Fiicaro, Whistling Blues, Mummy's Chance, Good *Holidays*. 23 ran. NR: *Miss Chrissy.* ¾l, hd, hd, 2½l, 2l. *F Durr* at Newmarket. Tote: £30.60; £5.80, £6.50, £1.80, £1.90. DF: £217.90. CSF: £150.76. Tricast: £1,377.54.

3.45 (1m 2f) 1, MISS RELSUN (J Carr, 4-1 fav); 2, Oh Danny Boy (A Culhane, 5-1); 3, Ivoroski (P Darron, 11-1); 4, Touch Above (G Carter, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Rapid Lad, 6 Glastondale (6th), 9 Winged Foot, 10 Must Be Magic, 12 Immortal Irish, *14 Bright-One, 16 Full Blast (5th)*, Scotgavotte, 20 Bold Gamble, Wolver Gem, 33 Firting, Saryyaal, Ascenmoor. 17 ran. 3l, sh hd, ¾l, 1½l, nk. Mrs G Reveley at Malton. Tote: £5.50; £1.60, £2.00, £2.00, £2.60. DF: £21.20. CSF: £28.17. Tricast: £208.25.

4.15 (2m 40yd) 1, YORKSHIRE HOLLY (R Fahey, 7-4 fav); 2, Peter Martin (S Perks, 13-2); 3, Kathy Cook (D Thompson, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Valiant Dash (5th), 9-2 Autonomous (4th), 25 Ardoran, Flying Brigadier, Nancy Ardross (6th), Velvet Falls. 9 ran. NR: Shoreham Lady, Professional Touch. 3l, 1½l, 4l, 2l, ½l. Mrs G Reveley at Malton. Tote: £2.40; £1.30, £1.80, £6.10. DF: £6.20. CSF: £12.45. Tricast: £181.20.

4.45 (5f) 1, NAZELA (R Cochrane, 11-4; Michael Seely's nap); 2, Lady Eileen (S Cauthen, 6-1); 3, Leave It To Lib (S Perks, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Tavolara (4th), 9-2 Fascination Waltz, 9 Petite Butterfly, 12 Air Nymph, Night Duchess, 14 Lombard Thatch (6th), 20 Within Reason, 25 Bluella, Ginger's Gone, Zanoba (5th). 13 ran. NR: Matching Lines. ½l, 1½l, sh hd, 5l, hd. J Payne at Newmarket. Tote: £3.60; £1.70, £1.90, £2.20. DF: £10.30. CSF: £24.42.

5.15 (1m 2f) 1, CREVASSE (S Cauthen, 1-7 fav); 2, Carbisdale (A Culhane, 20-1); 3, Topper Two (W Ryan, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 50 Chief's Choice (4th), General Gregory (6th), 66 Golden Boreen, O K Nurse (5th). 7 ran. 4l, 10l, 1l, 10l, 4l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.10; £1.10, £2.40. *DF: £3.60. CSF: £4.77.* Placepot: £16.80.

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Liverpool fit to reassert their superiority

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

That extraordinary night in May notwithstanding, Liverpool must be expected to regain the first division title this season. About that, there can be few reservations. They may be fallible on the odd big occasion, such as during the FA Cup final against Wimbledon last year and when losing at home to Arsenal three months ago, but no team can match them over an extended period.

Even the inhabitants of Highbury's North Bank might concede that there were a few extenuating circumstances last season. Injuries depleted them severely at the beginning (they were to be without their captain, Hansen, for all but the last nine fixtures) and the Hillsborough tragedy distracted them deeply at the end.

Arsenal, mercilessly and creditably, took advantage but, having once held a lead of 19 points in the race, they finished ahead merely by a neck. Psychologically, after the comprehensive 1-0 defeat in the Charity Shield last Saturday, they are already behind and looked a spent force. Even before the flag has dropped.

George Graham devised a plan specifically for Liverpool, perfected it over the seven weeks before the Anfield drama and may have persuaded other managers to follow a similar course. The tedious long-ball game, designed principally for the inadequate, could this season be less prevalent than the sweeper system.

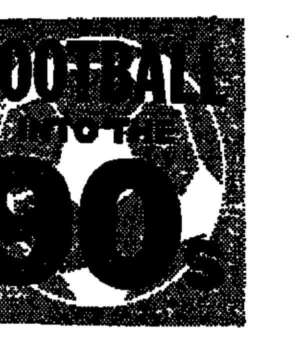
Graham says that he will not necessarily use it every week. He will discard it, presumably, whenever one of his regular central defenders, Adams or Bould, is unfit. That was illustrated at Wembley a week ago, Caesar, the leading understudy, is not equipped for the disciplined marking role. Few centre halves are.

They have been educated to leave their opposing forward, whenever the occasion demands, and cover their partner. As Terry Venables discovered when he introduced the system at Tottenham Hotspur at the beginning of last season, domestic defenders find it difficult to change their natural habits and adopt a new role.

But, as Arsenal confirmed, the scheme can be a positive strength if the suitable components are available. Attacking full backs, and there are few more adventurous than Dixon and Winterburn, an intelligent sweeper able to read the game, such as O'Leary, and a couple of limpet mines are the required assets.

Liverpool could alter their formation, should Kenny Dalglish wish to do so. Now that he has Hysen, who acts as the sweeper for Sweden, he has more than enough alternatives. So could Everton. They have a profusion of midfield players, an additional central defender, Keown, and a paucity of dependable full backs.

Manchester United might have been able to adopt the system had



Alex Ferguson been able to persuade Pallister to leave Middlesbrough. Chelsea, to compensate for the loss of Pates and McLaughlin, are expected to try a new approach with a Dutchman, Monkou, controlling their security at the back.

The idea of employing sweepers must be welcomed and not only for the sake of variety. Midfield, an area which would inevitably be less compressed, has become so populated in the modern era that it resembles a 90-minute rush hour. There is neither room nor time for individual brilliance to shine there.

No wonder the level of skill in the League has dropped alarmingly over the past few years. Graham, for one, is saddened by the decline and he is not alone. Sides such as Wimbledon, romantic though their own sudden rise to prominence may have been, have dragged the standard down.

They and other proponents of the long-ball version are limited. Little ability is required to launch ideas into the stratosphere, run downfield and harry the opposition by kicking, biting and scratching for possession. Those asked to pursue such a method need only to be tall, muscular, fit and aggressive.

It would be consoling to think that, instead of breeding animalistic giants, managers and coaches might this season prefer a more attractive and purposeful experiment. If nothing else, the sweeper system greatly reduces the number of offside decisions, one of the more irritating features for spectators.

Another is the refusal to retreat once a free kick has been awarded. To stand over the ball — or, even worse, to flick it away — appears to be accepted as a custom rather than, as should be the case, the most overt and inexcusable display of cheating, worthy of an official caution.

Is it too much to hope that the top clubs might set a healthier example? Even Liverpool, though they were again the winners of the fair play award, could improve their attitude. Arsenal, as the champions, have a duty to do so and should not, for example, be seen so regularly disputing decisions.

They look likely to be the runners-up. The other members of "the big five", the only realistic contenders for the title, are potentially flawed. Although Manchester United should be sufficiently creative in the middle, they would seem to be reliable neither at the back nor at the front.

No one, not even Colin Harvey, can be certain of Everton's consistency and it would be surprising if all of his new signings fit in immediately and smoothly. Their progress could thus be delayed for too long. So could that of Tottenham, who will open with an elongated list of injuries.

Although the impact of Nottingham Forest, without Webb, could also initially be postponed, they alone annually challenge the dominance of the country's handful of powerful clubs. Others, such as Norwich City and Millwall last season, eventually lose their way. The pattern looks as predictable now as it has been throughout the decade.

One or two, Chelsea perhaps and especially Manchester City, may rise above expectations but their reserves are too weak for them to sustain a genuine challenge. Yet, as Arsenal proved, "it is never wise to prophesize," in the words of Winston Churchill, "until after the event has taken place".

PROSPECTS FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND DIVISIONS

First division

Arsenal

An offer to break the British record fee for a goalkeeper, for Seaman of Queen's Park Rangers, represented George Graham's most adventurous attempt to improve the squad which won the championship. It remains unchanged except for the arrival of Johnsson, a midfield player from Sheffield Wednesday.

1988-89: League: 1st. FA Cup: 3rd round. Littlewoods Cup: 3rd round.
STAFF: Manager: G Graham. Assistant: T Foley. Goalkeepers: J Lukic, A Miller. Defenders: A Adams, S Bould, G Caesar, J Carstairs, L Dixon, L Francis, J Hannigan, S Morrow, D O'Leary, P Scully, N Winterburn. Midfield: D Connelly, P Davis, D Hillier, S Jonsson, R Lee, G McKeown, A Mockler, K Richardson, D Rocastle, M Thomas. Forwards: K Ampuda, K Campbell, P Groves, M Hayes, B Marwood, P Merson, N Quinn, A Smith.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: S Jonsson from Sheffield Wednesday (tribunal). Outs: R Wilmot to Plymouth Argyle (100,000).

Aston Villa

Graham Taylor, undeterred by criticism that he wasted £1m in buying Callaghan and Ormondroyd, has continued his spree. Nielsen, a Dane, Heath and McGrath are his latest assets.

1988-89: League: 17th. FA Cup: 4th round. Littlewoods Cup: 5th round. Simod Cup: 2nd round.
STAFF: Manager: G Taylor. Assistants: D Richardson, J Ward. Goalkeepers: L Butler, N Spink. Defenders: D Duffy, K Gage, B Gallacher, P McGrath, D Mountfield, K Nielsen, C Price, S Sims. Midfield: P Birch, M Blake, G Cowans, S Gray. Forwards: N Callaghan, T Daly, A Heath, D Jones, M Lillis, I Olney, I Ormondroyd, M Parrott, D Platt, D Spink, G Williams.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: D Spink from Halesowen (£30,000); K Nielson from Brondby (Den) (£500,000); P McGrath from Manchester United (£400,000); A Heath from Español (£350,000). Outs: M Keown to Everton (£750,000); A McInally to Bayern Munich (£1.1 million); A Evans to Leicester City (free).

Charlton Athletic

Respected for maintaining high principles in spite of annual visit to the relegation skirmishes. Lennie Lawrence has lost one central defender, Shirtliff, and gained another, McLaughlin. Unlikely to climb the highest of hills before, or after, they return to the Valley early in the new year.

1988-89: League: 14th. FA Cup: 5th round. Littlewoods Cup: 3rd round. Simod Cup: 1st round.
STAFF: Manager: L Lawrence. Assistant: M Flanagan. Goalkeepers: B Bolder, M Salmon. Defenders: T Caton, J Humphrey, J McLaughlin, P Mortimer, C Pates, D Pitcher, M Reid. Midfield: M Bennett, S MacKenzie, A Peake, C Walsh. Forwards: G Crooks, A Jones, C Leaburn, R Lee, P Williams.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: M Salmon from Wrexham (£100,000); J McLaughlin from Chelsea (£600,000). Outs: S Gritt to Walsall (free), P Shirtliff to Sheffield Wednesday (£500,000).

Chelsea

McLaughlin's move to Charlton has opened the way for Monkou, a Dutchman signed last season, to be included as sweeper. In spite of winning the second division title, the defence was potentially insecure. It may still be unsteady but the attack, with Dickens supporting Durie and Dixon, promises to be powerful.

1988-89: League: 1st (Second division champions). FA Cup: 3rd round. Littlewoods Cup: 2nd round. Simod Cup: 3rd round.
STAFF: Manager: B Campbell. Assistant: I Porterfield. Goalkeepers: D Beasant, R Freestone, K Hitchcock. Defenders: S Beatty, S Clarke, J Cundy, T Dorigo, G Hall, D Lee, K Monkou, G Roberts. Midfield: J Bumstead, E Cunnington, A Dickens, M Hazard, G Le Saux, D Matthew, P Nicholas, C Wilson. Forwards: K Dixon, G Durie, K McAllister, D Mitchell, G Stuart, C West, K Wilson.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: A Dickens from West Ham (£635,000). Outs: B Dodds to Dundee (£50,000); J McLaughlin to Charlton (£600,000).

Coventry City

Steady improvement over the last three years may be halted. Pre-season form, concluding with a home defeat by West Bromwich Albion last week, was ominous. Having sold Sedgeley, John Sillett has £2m to spend. He may soon do so.

1988-89: League: 7th. FA Cup: 3rd round. Littlewoods Cup: 3rd round. Simod Cup: 3rd round.
STAFF: Manager: J Sillett. Goalkeepers: D Kiely, S Ogrizovic, K Waugh. Defenders: P Billing, M Booty, B Morrows, T Dobson, G Downs, C Greenman, T Harwood, B Kilcline, L Middleton, T Peake. Midfield: H Clark, D Emerson, M Gynn, L Hurst, K McDonald, L McGrath, C Middleton. Forwards: G Bannister, S Livingstone, D McGuire, C Regis, D Smith, D Speedie, K Thompson.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: K McDonald from Liverpool (free); K Waugh from Bristol City (tribunal); P Billing from Crewe (£120,000). Outs: G Rodger to Luton Town (£150,000); S Sedgley to Tottenham Hotspur (£750,000); D Phillips to Norwich City (£550,000).

Crystal Palace

Although the striking partnership of Bright and Wright could inflict as much damage as last season in the second division, they are fallible at the back. Steve Coppell has taken a surprising gamble in buying Dennis, the most ill-disciplined player in history. He and they could find themselves in trouble.

1988-89: League: 3rd (Second division promoted via play-offs). FA Cup: 3rd round. Littlewoods Cup: 3rd round. Simod Cup: Semi-final.
STAFF: Manager: S Coppell. Assistant: S Tarrant. Goalkeepers: B Parkin, P Suckling, A Woodman. Defenders: D Burke, M Dennis, M Harris, R Hedman, J Hopkins, G O'Reilly, J Pemberton, C Powell, R Shaw, G Southgate. Midfield: A Locke, A Gray, D Madden, R Newman, A Pardew, G Pennyfather, D Stevens, G Thomas. Forwards: P Barber, M Bright, A Dyer, E McGoldrick, J Salako, D Whyte, I Wright.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: A Gray from Queens Park Rangers (£500,000); M Dennis from Queens Park Rangers (£50,000). Outs: G Nebbeling to Fulham (£80,000); D Bailey to Birmingham City (£80,000); M Hone to Welling United, (£5,000).

Derby County

Fifth last season, defying expectations. Had they started as they finished, they might even have been improbable contenders for the title but their progress was deceptive. Arthur Cox, though recognising the need to strengthen his resources if the performance is to be repeated, has yet to make his move.

1988-89: League: 5th. FA Cup: 4th round. Littlewoods Cup: 3rd round. Simod Cup: 3rd round.
STAFF: Manager: A Cox. Assistant: R McFarland. Goalkeepers: P Shilton, M Taylor. Defenders: P Blades, R Briscoe, J Davidson, M Forsyth, R Hindmarch, M Patterson, S Round, M Sage, P Williams, M Wright. Midfield: S Cross, T Hebberd, B McCord, T McMinn, G Micklewhite, N Pickering, S Taylor, G Williams. Forwards: J Chiedozie, K Francis, P Gee, P Goddard, C Ramage, D Saunders, J Symonds.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Outs: D Penney to Oxford United (£200,000).

Everton

The promise of last season's newcomers, such as Cottee and McCall, was largely unfulfilled. So was that of the side as a whole. The arrival of Keown, from Aston Villa, Newell, from Leicester City, Rehn, from Switzerland, and Whiteside from Manchester United, should compensate for the loss of Steven, to Glasgow Rangers.

1988-89: League: 8th. FA Cup: Runners-up. Littlewoods Cup: 4th round. Simod Cup: Runners-up.
STAFF: Manager: C Harvey. Assistant: T Darracott. Goalkeepers: J Kearton, N Southall, M Stowell. Defenders: P Jones, M Keown, N McDonald, N Pointon, K Ratcliffe, P Van Den Hauwe, D Watson, E Youds. Midfield: R Atteveld, P Brakewell, J Ebbrell, S McCall, P Nevin, S Rehn, K Sheedy, I Snodin, N Whiteside, M Wright. Forwards: T Cottee, M Newell, G Powell, G Sharp.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: M Keown from Aston Villa (£750,000); M Newell from Leicester City (£1.1 million); R Atteveld from Haarlem (Neth) (£250,000); N Whiteside from Manchester United (£750,000), S Rehn from Djurgarden (Swe) (£400,000). Outs: T Steven to Rangers (tribunal), N Adams to Oldham (£100,000); W Clarke to Leicester City (£450,000); I Wilson to Besiktas (Tur) (£200,000).

Liverpool

They scarcely needed to buy Hysen (though, at £600,000, the fee was an irresistible bargain) or anyone else. Kenny Dalglish's squad is already overflowing with quality and, should all of his men remain fit, his principal problem will be deciding which of his internationals he should leave out.

1988-89: League: 2nd. FA Cup: Winners. Littlewoods Cup: 4th round.
STAFF: Manager: K Dalglish. Assistant: R Moran. Goalkeepers: M Black, B Grobbelaar, M Hooper. Defenders: G Ablett, D Burrows, J Carroll, D Collins, G Gillespie, A Hansen, G Hysen, B Jones, S Nicol, J Smyth, S Staunton, N Tanner, B Venison, A Watson. Midfield: J Barnes, S Harkness, R Houghton, J Magilton, S McMahon, J Molby, R Whelan. Forwards: J Aldridge, P Beardsley, C Boyd, W Harrison, M Marsh, I Rush.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: S Harkness from Carlisle (£75,000); G Hysen from Fiorentina (£650,000). Outs: J Begin to Leeds United (free); W Biggins to Stoke City (£250,000); P Moulden to Bournemouth (£300,000).

Luton Town

Members of the old guard, Donaghy, Hill and Foster, have gone and although another comparatively ageing campaigner, Mick Harford, will still be leading their attack, the club is entering a transitional period. Ray Harford believes in the future. He rejected the managerial post at Sheffield Wednesday.

1988-89: League: 16th. FA Cup: 3rd round. Littlewoods Cup: Runners-up. Simod Cup: 3rd round.
STAFF: Manager: R Harford. Assistant: T Mancini. Goalkeepers: A Chamberlain, A Petterson, L Sealey. Defenders: D Beaumont, T Breaker, J Dreyer, K Gillard, R Harvey, J James, M Johnson, R Johnson, N Poutch, G Rodger, D Sutton. Midfield: G Cobb, D McDonough, M O'Brien, D Preece, J Rees, I Scott, P Telfer, A Tighe, S Williams, D Wilson. Forwards: K Black, R Cooke, I Dowie, S Farrell, P Gray, M Harford, R Meade, R Wegerle.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: G Rodger from Coventry City (£150,000). Outs: R Hill to Le Havre (£50,000,); S Foster to Oxford United (£175,000).

Man United

Will line up with three members of the England squad in midfield, Webb and Phelan having been bought to assist Robson. Yet the main priority for Alex Ferguson was to tighten his defence and the failure to sign either Hysen or Pallister leaves a gaping hole in the club's prospects for yet another year.

1988-89: League: 11th. FA Cup: 6th round. Littlewoods Cup: 3rd round.
STAFF: Manager: A Ferguson. Assistant: A Knox. Goalkeepers: J Leighton, G Walsh. Defenders: V Anderson, R Beardsmore, D Brazil, S Bruce, B Carey, M Donaghy, M Duxbury, B Garton, C Gibson, T Gill, W Heseltine, M Lee. Midfield: C Blackmore, W Bullimore, R Milne, M Phelan, B Robson, L Sharpe, N Webb, D Wilson, P Wratton. Forwards: S Goater, D Graham, M Hughes, G Maiorana, B McClair, M Robins.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: M Phelan from Norwich City (£750,000); N Webb from Nottingham Forest (£1.5 million); B Carey from Cork City (£100,000). Outs: N Whiteside to Everton (£750,000); P McGrath to Aston Villa (£400,000).

Man City

The surprise package? Members of England's under-21 side have developed into enterprising defenders and Allen, as long as his predatory instincts have not been dulled during his exile in France, has been brought back to sharpen their attack. Under Mel Machin, should be appealing if not consistently successful.

1988-89: League: 2nd (Second division). FA Cup: 4th round. Littlewoods Cup: 4th round. Simod Cup: 1st round.
STAFF: Manager: M Machin. Assistant: J Frizzell. Goalkeepers: P Cooper, A Dibble. Defenders: D Brightwell, G Fleming, B Gayle, A Hinchcliff, N Lennon, S Redmond, M Seagraves, G Taggart. Midfield: J Beckford, I Bishop, I Brightwell, N Gleghorn, M Hughes, P Lake, N McNabb, G Megson, M Quigley, I Thompstone, M Wallace, D White. Forwards: C Allen, C Bradshaw, J Beahan.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: Ian Bishop from Bournemouth (£725,000); C Allen from Bourdeaux (£1 million); G Fleming from Nottingham Forest (£150,000). Outs: I Cott to Stoke City (£175,000); W Biggins to Stoke City (£250,000); P Moulden to Bournemouth (£300,000).

Millwall

Flew unexpectedly high last season before the wings eventually came off. Fall from third place to mid-table suggests that John Docherty and Frank McLintock may have to refine long-ball game to reverse decline. No fresh names, although Waddock, whose career was seemingly over, has been given another chance.

1988-89: League: 10th. FA Cup: 4th round. Littlewoods Cup: 3rd round. Simod Cup: 3rd round.
STAFF: Manager: J Docherty. Assistant: F McLintock. Goalkeepers: K Branagan, B Horne. Defenders: N Coleman, A McLeary, D Salmon, S Sparham, D Thompson, S Wood. Midfield: L Briley, T Hurlock, D Morgan, W Reid, K Stevens, G Waddock. Forwards: S Anthrobus, J Carter, T Cascarino, D Horrix, G Lawrence, K O'Callaghan, T Sheringham.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: G Waddock from Charleroi (Bel) (£130,000). Outs: None.

Norwich City

Midfield was ripped apart when Phelan and Putney were sold but was repaired when Phillips and Sherwood were bought from Coventry and Watford respectively. Challenged the leaders on merit until the closing month of last season but the momentum may temporarily have been lost. Should still be attractive to watch.

1988-89: League: 4th. FA Cup: Semi-final. Littlewoods Cup: 3rd round. Simod Cup: 2nd round.
STAFF: Manager: D Stringer. Assistant: D Williams. Goalkeepers: B Gunn, J Sheffield, M Walton. Defenders: M Bowen, I Butterworth, I Culverhouse, M Flynn, A Linighan, A Pennock, A Reeves, A Theodosiou. Midfield: P Cook, J Goss, J Minett, D Phillips, T Sherwood, D Smith, A Townsend, D Williams. Forwards: M Allen, D Coney, R Fleck, R Fox, D Gordon, R Rosario.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: M Walton from Colchester United (£75,000); T Sherwood from Watford (£175,000); D Phillips from Coventry City (£550,000. Outs: M Phelan to Manchester United (£750,000); T Putney to Middlesbrough (£300,000.

Nott Forest

Even Brian Clough concedes that "we must wait and see" if the side functions as well without Webb. He was the base in the influencial triangle featuring Hodge and Nigel Clough. Although the replacement, Sheridan of Leeds, may initially be unsettled, the team will as usual probably be among the top six.

1988-89: League: 3rd. FA Cup: Semi-final. Littlewoods Cup: Winners. Simod Cup: Winners.
STAFF: Manager: B Clough. Assistant: R Fenton. Goalkeepers: M Crossley, S Sutton. Defenders: C Boardman, G Charles, S Chettle, S Dyche, J Fletcher, C Foster, B Laws, S Pearce, K Sharpe, D Walker, D Wassall, B Williams. Midfield: A Abrahams, M Clark, S Hodge, S McLaughlin, G Parker, B Rice, J Sheridan, P Starbuck, S Stone, T Wilson. Forwards: F Carr, L Chapman, N Clough, G Crosby, M Danzey, T Gaynor, L Glover, M Hurst, N Jemson, A Lamb.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: J Sheridan from Leeds United (£650,000). Outs: Neil Webb to Manchester United (£1.5 million), R Bradley to Hereford (£15,000); G Fleming to Manchester City (£150,000)

QPR

Trevor Francis has moved Sansom, after a brief visit to Newcastle, into the role filled by Dennis, who has travelled across London, and increased the reliability of his back four. Gray and Fereday have left and Wright has come into a squad that seems destined again to finish in the middle of the table.

1988-89: League: 9th. FA Cup: 3rd round. Littlewoods Cup: 5th round. Simod Cup: Semi-final.
STAFF: Player-manager: T Francis. Assistant: D Howe. Goalkeepers: N Johns, T Roberts, D Seaman. Defenders: J Channing, B Law, D Maddix, A McDonald, P Parker, K Sansom. Midfield: M Allen, S Barker, G Costello, M Doyle, D Kerslake, S Lynch, P Reid, A Sinton, N Spackman. Forwards: B Allen, C Clarke, M Falco, L Ferdinand, T Francis, K Kingsmore, R Herrera, M Stein, P Wright.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: M Doyle from Crewe (£20,000); K Sansom from Newcastle (£55,000 + W Fereday); P Wright from Aberdeen (tribunal). Outs: W Fereday to Newcastle (as above); R Hunt to Aldershot (free), A Gray to Crystal Palace (£500,000); M Dennis to Crystal Palace (£50,000).

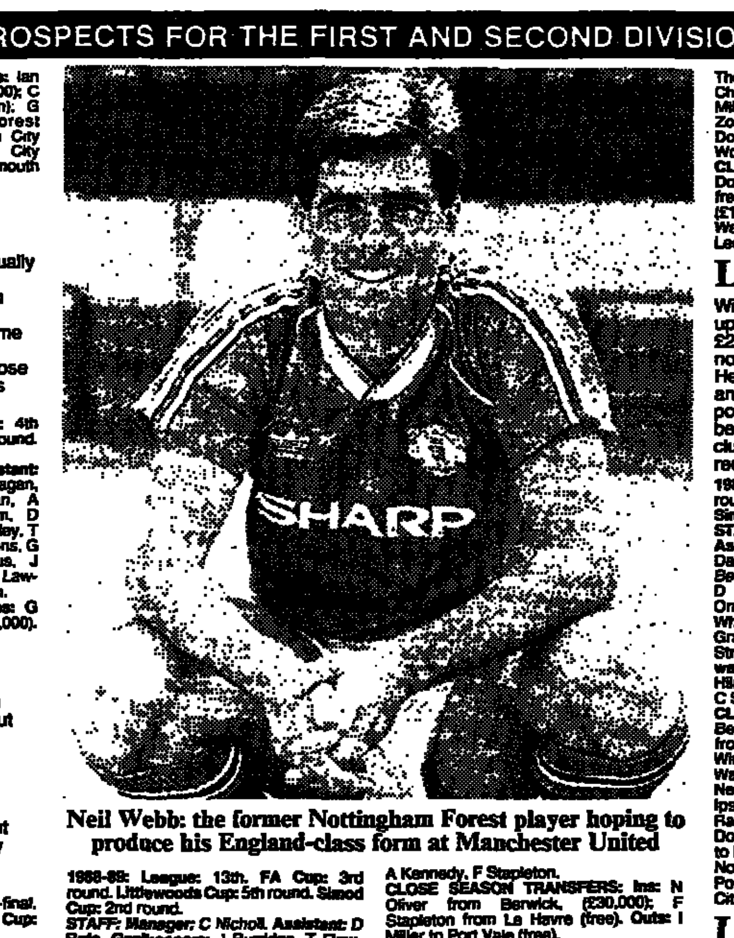
Sheff Wednesday

Ron Atkinson has agreed to extend his managerial contract by another year. To avoid the stress of steering the club clear of the second division again, he has spent £1.3m in buying a namesake, Atkinson, Shakespeare and Taylor as well as retrieving Shirtliff from Charlton. He may have to suffer again, though.

1988-89: League: 15th. FA Cup: 4th round. Littlewoods Cup: 2nd round. Simod Cup: 3rd round.
STAFF: Manager: R Atkinson. Assistant: R Barker. Goalkeepers: M Beresford, K Pressman, C Turner. Defenders: G Fee, I Knight, L Madden, S McCall, C Palmer, N Pearson, W Rostron, P Shirtliff, D Wood, N Worthington. Midfield: D Barrick, T Gregory, A Harper, G Hyde, C Shakespeare. Forwards: D Atkinson, D Bennett, K Hagh, D Hirst, D Reeves, M Taylor, I Varadi, S Whitton.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: D Atkinson from Ipswich Town (£450,000), C Shakespeare and M Taylor from Walsall (£350,000). P Shirtliff from Charlton (£500,000). Outs: D Hodgson to Mazda (Japan) (free); S Jonsson to Arsenal (tribunal); T Galvin to Swindon (free); I Cranson to Stoke City (£480,000).

Southampton

Could be about to enter a long, dark tunnel. Not only is the club regarded as firm favourites to go down, a fate which almost befell them in May, but Chris Nicholl has the unofficial title of "first division manager most likely to be dismissed". Statham has left and no-one of note has yet been drafted in.



Neil Webb: the former Nottingham Forest player hoping to produce his England-class form at Manchester United

1988-89: League: 13th. FA Cup: 3rd round. Littlewoods Cup: 5th round. Simod Cup: 2nd round.
STAFF: Manager: C Nicholl. Assistant: D Rofe. Goalkeepers: J Burridge, T Flowers. Defenders: M Adams, M Blake, A Cook, S Davis, J Dodd, G Forrest, J Kenna, K Moore, R Osman, D Radford, N Ruddock, R Wallace. Midfield: G Baker, F Benali, J Case, G Cockerill, B Horne, N Maddison, P Masters, J Webb. Forwards: N Banger, M Le Tissier, L Luscombe, P Rideout, A Shearer, D Wallace, R Wallace.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: None. Outs: D Statham to Stoke City (£75,000).

Totten'm Hotspur

In spite of the natural optimism of Terry Venables, the loss of Waddle is unlikely to be overcome. Lineker will spread fear throughout the division but his colleagues, as the pre-season results have confirmed, are expected to be kept too occupied in defence to give him the necessary support and ammunition.

1988-89: League: 6th. FA Cup: 3rd round. Littlewoods Cup: 4th round.
STAFF: Manager: T Venables. Assistant: D Livermore. Goalkeepers: K Dearden, P Guthrie, G Howells, B Mimms, E Thorstvedt. Defenders: G Bergsson, G Butters, T Fenwick, C Hughton, G Mabbutt, D McDonald, A Polsten, J Polsten, B Statham, M Thomas. Midfield: P Allen, M Edwards, P Garland, P Gascoigne, E Gormley, J Moncur, Nayim, M Robson, V Samways, S Sedgley, G Stevens. Forwards: I Gilzean, P Gray, D Howells, R Johnston, G Lineker, P Moran, P Stewart, P Walsh.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: G Lineker from Barcelona (£1.2 million); Nayim from Barcelona (£300,000); S Sedgley from Coventry City (£750,000). Outs: M Stimson to Newcastle (£150,000); S Murray to Portsmouth (£100,000); C Waddle to Marseille (£4.25 million).

Wimbledon

Jones has been sold but the commandos are unlikely to change their ways. Their physical aggression, though tempered recently, remains as uncomfortable for the opposition as it is to watch. Bobby Gould, now without Don Howe as his coach, has not rearranged his troops. If they go down, they will go down fighting.

1988-89: League: 12th. FA Cup: 6th round. Littlewoods Cup: 4th round. Simod Cup: 4th round.
STAFF: Manager: B Gould. Goalkeepers: H Segers, N Sullivan. Defenders: D Blackwell, A Clement, K Curle, C Goodyear, R Joseph, B McAllister, T Phelan, J Scales, E Young. Midfield: G Brooke, M Fiore, Z Kruszynski, V Ryan, L Sanchez. Forwards: A Cork, S Cotterill, C Fairweather, J Fashanu, J Gayle, T Gibson, P McGee, P Miller, D Wise.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: None. Outs: V Jones to Leeds United (£650,000).

Second division

Barnsley

Could be Allan Clarke's last season as manager unless his own and the club's ambitions are realised. Although he has bought Banks from West Bromwich Albion and Archdeacon from Celtic to cover a persistent weakness in midfield, his side may still remain behind the front runners and unable to overtake them.

1988-89: League: 7th. FA Cup: 5th round. Littlewoods Cup: 2nd round. Simod Cup: 1st round.
STAFF: Manager: A Clarke. Goalkeepers: C Baker, I Wardle. Defenders: P Cross, S Dunphy, P Futcher, J Joyce, P McGugan, D Rolph, M Shotton. Midfield: S Agnew, I Banks, J Bond, J Dobbin, S Lowndes, L Parker, M Robinson, D Ross, D Thomas. Forwards: O Archdeacon, J Broddle, M Clarke, S Cooper, D Currie, D Foreman, S Kaye, J MacDonald, C Marshall.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS. Ins: I Banks from West Bromwich Albion (£100,000), O Archdeacon from Celtic (£80,000). Outs: M Clarke to Scarborough (£10,000); T Rees to Grimsby Town (£50,000).

Blackburn Rovers

Have been within sight of the first division in both of the last two seasons. Stapleton has been invited to lend additional experience to an already settled squad being offered a final opportunity. Failure to go beyond the play-offs again will lead inevitably to them being dismantled. Third time lucky?

1988-89: League: 5th. FA Cup: 5th round. Littlewoods Cup: 3rd round. Simod Cup: 3rd round.
STAFF: Manager: D Mackay. Assistant: Tony Parkes. Goalkeepers: D Collier, T Gennoe. Defenders: M Atkins, A Dawson, C Hendry, K Hill, D Mail, D May, N Oliver, C Sulley. Midfield: R Hildersley, J Millar, N Reid, S Sellars. Forwards: A Diamond, A Finnigan, S Garner, H Gayle, L Johnrose, A Kennedy, F Stapleton.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: N Oliver from Berwick (£30,000); F Stapleton from Le Havre (free). Outs: I Miller to Port Vale (free).

Bournemouth

Dark horses. Capable enough to hold Manchester United in last season's FA Cup, they have exchanged their midfield architect, Bishop, for Manchester City's leading goalscorer, Moulden. He could form a profitable partnership with Blissett. Miller, once a Tottenham defender, has been signed from Watford.

1988-89: League: 12th. FA Cup: 5th round. Littlewoods Cup: 2nd round. Simod Cup: 1st round.
STAFF: Manager: Harry Redknapp. Assistant: Jimmy Gabriel. Goalkeepers: G Peyton, P Kite. Defenders: K Bond, D Coleman, P Miller, P Morrell, M Newson, S Teale, J Williams. Midfield: B Barnes, S Brooks, M Holmes, M O'Connor, S O'Driscoll, G Peacock, P Shearer. Forwards: T Aylott, L Blissett, S Close, D Mundee, P Moulden.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: P Moulden from Man City (£300,000), G Peacock from Gillingham and P Kite from Gillingham (£270,000). Outs: I Bishop to Manchester City (£725,000) A Pulis to Gillingham (£5,000).

Bradford City

Have not significantly been strengthened since finishing in the lower half of the table last season. Terry Yorath failed to tempt either Biggins, of Manchester City, or Wilson, of Everton, to sign but he succeeded in persuading Sinnott to stay. Could struggle in the shadow of their neighbours, Leeds.

1988-89: League: 14th. FA Cup: 4th round. Littlewoods Cup: 5th round. Simod Cup: 2nd round.
STAFF: Manager: Terry Yorath. Goalkeepers: M Evans, P Tomlinson. Defenders: D Evans, J Graham, P Jackson, B Mitchell, G Oliver, M Patterson, L Sinnott, B Tinnion, D Wroe. Midfield: G Abbott, M Aizlewood, D Campbell, L Duxbury, C Goddard, L Palin. Forwards: G Chapman, M Ellis, M Leonard, K Megson, J Quinn, P Tower.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: A Davies from Swansea City (£135,000); M Aizlewood from Leeds United (£200,000). Outs: A Thomas to Plymouth Argyle (£80,000).

Brighton

Has been little activity in the market place during the summer and the only move the club will make over the winter is likely to be downward. With minimal money to spend, Barry Lloyd can claim a triumph if he steers his side any higher than last season. Only five clubs finished below them.

1988-89: League: 19th. FA Cup: 3rd round. Littlewoods Cup: 1st round. Simod Cup: 1st round.
STAFF: Manager: Barry Lloyd. Goalkeepers: P Digweed, J Keeley. Defenders: N Bissett, I Chapman, G Chivers, K Dublin, R Isaac, L May, P McCarthy, J Robinson, W Stamp. Midfield: R Codner, J Crumplin, A Curbishley, J Dineen, A Owers, S Penney, M Trusson, D Wilkins. Forwards: K Bremner, G Nelson, P Wood.

Hull City

Stood precariously on the edge of the precipice in May and are considered one of the strong favourites to fall over it when the season ends. The arrival of Doyle from Sunderland, the lone notable addition to the squad, may brighten their designs in midfield but not their prospects of survival.

1988-89: League: 21st. FA Cup: 5th round. Littlewoods Cup: 2nd round. Simod Cup: 1st round.
STAFF: Manager: Colin Appleton. Assistant: Tom Wilson. Goalkeepers: I Hesford, G Kelly. Defenders: N Brown, N Buckley, W Jacobs, R Jobson, M Murray, P Swan, S Terry. Midfield: W Askew, R Daniel, K De Mange, S Doyle, G Roberts, L Thompson, L Warren. Forwards: K Edwards, L Jenkinson, I McParland, A Paton, M Smith, W Whitehurst.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: S Doyle from Sunderland (£75,000).

Ipswich Town

Lingered on the fringe of promotion last season without ever threatening to join the leaders and John Duncan sees no reason to alter his lineup. He sold one forward, Atkinson to Sheffield Wednesday for £450,000, and bought another, Donowa from Norwich. Unlikely to set the pace but will not be far behind.

1988-89: League: 8th. FA Cup: 3rd round. Littlewoods Cup: 4th round. Simod Cup: 4th round.
STAFF: Manager: John Duncan. Assistant: Charlie Woods. Goalkeepers: C Forrest, C Neville. Defenders: S Baltacha, G Harbey, L Honeywood, T Humes, G Johnson, D Linighan, S Mills, C Swailes, N Thompson, F Yallop. Midfield: M Cheetham, J Dozzell, D Gregory, D Hill, S Milton, I Redford, M Stockwell, J Wark, R Zondervan. Forwards: M D'Avray, L Donowa, N Grice, C Kiwomya, D Lowe, N Woods.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: L Donowa from Willem II (The Netherlands), free. N. Thompson from Scarborough (£100,000). Outs: D Atkinson to Sheffield Wednesday (£450,000); C O'Donnell to Leeds United (free).

Leeds United

Will go forward, and probably up, with steel not style. More than £2m has been invested - on the notorious Jones from Wimbledon, Hendry, McLelland, Sterling and Thomas - in fresh muscle power. Opponents should beware. It would be surprising if the club's appalling disciplinary record is not maintained.

1988-89: League: 10th. FA Cup: 4th round. Littlewoods Cup: 3rd round. Simod Cup: 2nd round.
STAFF: Manager: Howard Wilkinson; Assistant: Dave Bentley. Goalkeepers: M Day, N Edwards, R Sinclair. Defenders: J Begin, N Blake, C Fairclough, P Haddock, D Kerr, J McClelland, C O'Donnell, B Ornsby, N Parsley, M Sterland, M Whitlow. G Williams. Midfield: D Batty, S Grayson, V Jones, G Snodin, G Speed, G Strachan, M Thomas, A Williams. Forwards: I Baird, B Davidson, J Hendrie, V Hilane, P Maguire, K Noteman, J Pearson, C Shutt.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: Jim Begin from Liverpool (free); M Thomas from Shrewsbury (£10,000); V Jones from Wimbledon (£650,000); J McClelland from Watford (£100,000); J Hendrie from Newcastle (£600,000); C O'Donnell from Ipswich Town (free); M Sterland from Rangers (£600,000). Outs: J Stiles to Doncaster Rovers (£40,000); M Aizlewood to Bradford City (£200,000); J Sheridan to Nottingham Forest (£650,000); N Aspin to Port Vale (£200,000); D Rennie to Bristol City (£200,000).

Leicester City

David Pleat has broadened his spearhead by acquiring three forwards, notably Clarke from Everton, to enhance a promotion challenge which faded unexpectedly last season. Security at the back will be tightened by Evans, a veteran released by Aston Villa on a free transfer. Should end up in the top six.

1988-89: League: 15th. FA Cup: 3rd round. Littlewoods Cup: 4th round. Simod Cup: 1st round.
STAFF: Manager: D Pleat. Goalkeepers: M Hodge, C Muggleton, P O'Connor. Defenders: G Brown, A Evans, A Mauchlen, S Morgan, A Paris, R Smith, T Spearing, S Walsh, D Williams. Midfield: P Groves, M Kennedy, G McAllister, G Mills, D Putman, P Ramsey, P Reid. Forwards: I Barraclough, W Clarke, P Gavin, P Kitson, M North, K Russell, S Wilkinson, T Wright.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: T Wright from Oldham Athletic (£300,000); W Clarke from Everton (£450,000); A Evans from Aston Villa (free); K Russell from Wrexham (£175,000). Outs: M Newell to Everton (£1.1 million); J Rantanen to HJK Helsinki (Fin) (£45,000).

Middlesborough

Bruce Rioch has spent £500,000 on bringing Putney from Norwich City and Comfort from Leyton Orient but his most notable feat was to reject Manchester United's £1.8m offer for Pallister. Should be sound enough in defence but attempt to return immediately to the first division may founder in attack.

1988-89: League: 18th (relegated from first division). FA Cup: 3rd round. Littlewoods Cup: 2nd round. Simod Cup: 4th round. Manager: B Rioch. Assistant: C Todd. Goalkeepers: M Coddington, S Pears, K Poole. Defenders: C Cooper, O McGee, N Mohan, T Mowbray, G Pallister, G Parkinson, M Trotter. Midfield: G Agnew, M Brennan, M Burke, G Gill, G Hamilton, P Kerr, M Proctor, T Putney. Forwards: A Comfort, P Davenport, A Kernaghan, S Ripley, B Slaven.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: T Putney from Norwich City (£300,000); A Comfort from Leyton Orient (£175,000). Outs: None.

Newcastle United

Jim Smith has replaced Mirandinha, the erratic Brazilian, with three forwards -Fereday (Queens Park Rangers), McGhee (Celtic) and Quinn (Portsmouth). Preparations in Sweden were encouraging but a defeat at Carlisle raise fears that their troubles may continue on the pitch as well as in the boardroom.

1988-89: League: 20th (Relegated from first division). FA Cup: 3rd round. Littlewoods Cup: 2nd round. Simod Cup: 3rd round
STAFF: Manager: J Smith. Goalkeepers: G Kelly, T Wright. Defenders: J Anderson, G Carter, C Chapman, B Kristensen, R Ranson, D Roche, K Scott, M Stimson, A Thorn. Midfield: K Brock, K Dillon, M Gill, A Gourlay, L O'Brien, P Sweeney. Forwards: G Brazil, W Ferreday, J Gallacher, T Lormor, M McGhee, M Quinn, D Robertson.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: W Ferreday from QPR (part of an exchange deal with K Sansom); M Stimson from Tottenham (£150,000); M Quinn from Portsmouth (£680,000); M McGhee from Celtic (£200,000); J Gallacher from Falkirk (£100,000); K Dillon from Portsmouth (free). Outs: J Hendrie to Leeds United (£600,000); K SAnsom to QPR (£55,000 + W Ferreday); G Roeder to Watford (free); R McDonald to Besiktas (Tur) (undisclosed); M O'Neill to Dundee United (£350,000); Frank Pingel to Brondby (Den) (£150,000).

Oldham Athletic

Have the advantage of a detested plastic carpet in their own home and they need it. Gates are low, money is scarce (although Joe Royle did spend £100,000 on Adams, a midfield player at Everton) and ability is limited. Unlikely to go down but, like last season, may not end up far away from doing so.

1988-89: League: 16th. FA Cup: third round. Littlewoods Cup: Third round. Simod Cup: 1st round.
STAFF: Manager: J Royle. Goalkeepers: J Hallworth, A Rhodes. Defenders: J Allen, A Barlow, A Barlow, E Barrett, C Blundell, W Donachie, A Holden, I Marshall, S Mooney, P Warhurst. Midfield: N Henry, N Kelly, M Milligan, C Wood. Forwards: N Adams, S Bramwell, F Bunn, A Gayle, S McGarvey, S Morgan, B Palmer, A Ritchie, M Stewart.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: N Adams from Everton (£100,000). Outs: T Wright to Leicester City (£300,000).

Oxford United

Brian Horton is leaning heavily on the experience and natural leadership of Foster, an England international who appeared in three Wembley finals with Luton, to guide his side on the pitch. If the new and ageing captain is absent, the remnants could be dangerously short of direction and inspiration.

1988-89: League: 17th. FA Cup: 4th round. Littlewoods Cup: Second round. Simod Cup: 1st round.
STAFF: Manager: B Horton. Goalkeepers: P Hucker, A Judge, P Kee. Defenders: D Bardsley, C Evans, S Foster, C Greenall, M Lewis, J Phillips, N Slatter, G Smart. Midfield: M Ford, P Heath, M Hewitson, R Hill, R Mustoe, L Phillips, P Rhodes-Brown, G Shelton. Forwards: J Beauchamp, J Durnin, M Foyle, M McDonnell, L Nogan, D Penney, P Simpson.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: S Foster from Luton Town (£175,000); D Penney from Derby County (£200,000). Outs: J Purdie to Shrewsbury Town (free); D Leworthy to Reading (free); S Reck to Wrexham (£35,000).

Plymouth

Ken Brown continues to attempt to raise the stature of a small club, as he did at Norwich before moving to the west country. The margin between success and failure was uncomfortably fine in May. In spite of signing Thomas from Bradford City and Wilmot, a goalkeeper from Arsenal, it threatens to be so again.

1988-89: League: 18th. FA Cup: 4th round. Littlewoods Cup: 2nd round. Simod Cup: 1st round.
STAFF: Manager: K Brown. Assistant: M Harvey. Goalkeepers: G Penhaligon, R Wilmot. Defenders: K Brown, A Burrows, L Cooper, A Morrison, J Rowbotham, M Smith. Midfield: J Brimacombe, S Casey, D Garner, K Hodges, N Marker, K Summerfield, A Thomas, P Whiston. Forwards: D Anderson, D Byrne, G Campbell, S McCarthy, O Pickard, M Stuart, T Tynan.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: R Wilmot from Arsenal (£100,000); A Thomas from Bradford City (£80,000). Outs: C Plummer to Chesterfield (£30,000).

Portsmouth

Standard of behaviour is low, so are their finances (in spite of the sale of Quinn, for £680,000, Dillon and Hardiman) and so was their position last season. John Gregory has promised improvements but it would be regarded as an achievement if he manages to keep his side out of the third division.

1988-89: League: 20th. FA Cup: 3rd round. Littlewoods Cup: 2nd round. Simod Cup: 2nd round.
STAFF: Player-manager: J. Gregory. Goalkeepers: A Gosney, A Knight. Defenders: K Ball, J Beresford, S Gale, G Hogg, G Maguire, W Neill, L Russell, L Sandford, K Symons. Midfield: K Black, L Darby, M Filery, J Gregory, M Kuhl. Forwards: W Aspinall, M Chamberlain, T Connor, L Gosling, M Kelly, S Murray, D Powell, M Ross, S Wigley.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: S Murray from Tottenham (£100,000); K Black from Hearts (£250,000). Outs: K Dillon to Newcastle United (free); P Hardyman to Sunderland (£130,000); M Quinn To Newcastle United (£680,000).

Port Vale

Found the narrowest of entrances into the division and may find the exit door too wide to avoid. John Rogers, the manager, concedes that "everyone here recognises that the task is formidable" but if his representatives remain fit, he believes they can cope. They will require more than a touch of fortune.

1988-89: League: Promoted form division three via play-offs. FA Cup: 3rd round. Littlewoods Cup: 2nd round.
STAFF: Manager: J Rudge. Assistant: M Pejic. Goalkeepers: M Grew, T Wood. Defenders: N Aspin, M Booth, D Glover, D Hughes, S Mills, W Simpson, A Webb, G West. Midfield: P Atkinson, R Earle, K Finney, G Ford, J Jeffers, I Miller, A Porter, G Shepherd, R. Walker. Forwards: D Beckford, N Cross, S Davies, R Futcher, R Jepson, P Millar, D Riley.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: I Miller from Blackburn Rovers (free); N Cross from Leicester City (£125,000); N Aspin from Leeds United (£200,000). Outs: P Sproson to Birmingham City (£50,000).

Sheffield United

Local belief at least is high. Thousands of supporters responded to Dave Bassett's plea for more season tickets to be bought. On the proceeds he purchased four players. Deane and Ogana, prolific forwards last season when the club won promotion, have been retained and should secure the club's safety.

1988-89: League: 2nd (Third division). FA Cup: 5th round. Littlewoods Cup: 3rd round.
STAFF: Manager: D Bassett. Assistant: G Taylor. Goalkeepers: G Benstead; M Dickins; S Tracey. Defenders: D Barnes; D Carr; C Downes; J Gannon; C Hill; M Morris; M Pike; C Powell; B Smith; P Stancliffe; S Thompson; M Ward; C Wilder. Midfield: R Booker; I Bryson; J Gannon; D Knowles; R Lucas; M Todd; S Webster; D Whitehouse; J Winter. Forwards: T Agana; B Deane; P Duffield; J Francis; A Roberts.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: M Morris from Watford (£150,000); C Hill from Colchester, (£85,000); D Barnes from Aldershot, (£50,000); J Winter from Huddersfield, (£50,000). Outs: None.

Stoke City

Mick Mills admits morale was low last season. Tour to Sweden has elevated spirits higher than he has experienced during his four years in charge. Cranson, bought from Ipswich, and Statham, from Southampton, should also lift the club above the lower half of the table, where they finished last May.

1988-89: League: 13th. FA Cup: 3rd round. Littlewoods Cup: 2nd round. Simod Cup: 1st round.
STAFF: Manager: M Mills. Goalkeepers: S Barrett; P Fox; D Noble. Defenders: G Barry; J Butler; C Carr; I Cranson; L Fowler; M Higgins; A Holmes; D Statham. Midfield: C Beeston; C Kamara; I Scott; P Ware. Forwards: D Bamber; P Beagrie; D Boughey; G Hackett; D Hope; M McGinley; N Morgan; D Ritchie; C Saunders.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: I Cranson from Sheffield Wednesday (£480,000); I Scott from Manchester City (£175,000); W Biggins from Manchester City (250,000); D Statham from Southampton (£75,000). Outs: G Shaw to Preston (£70,000); C Hemming to Hereford (£25,000); S Parkin to WBA (£190,000).

Sunderland

In spite of Denis Smith's claims that his squad is adequately talented, the arrival of only one new player - Hardiman, from Portsmouth - suggests that at least one of the giants in the north-east will remain asleep. A place in mid-table, as last season, represents the height of realistic expectations.

1988-89: League: 11th. FA Cup: 3rd round. Littlewoods Cup: 2nd round. Simod Cup: 2nd round.
STAFF: Manager: D Smith. Assistant: V Busby. Goalkeepers: T Carter; T Norman. Defenders: R Agboola; G Bennett; P Hardyman; M Heathcote; J Kay; J MacPhail; R Ord. Midfield: G Armstrong; J Corforth; T Lynch; G Owers. Forwards: F Cullen; M Gabbiadini; R Gabbiadini; E Gates; T Hauser; W Hawke; P Lemon; C Pascoe.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: P Hardyman from Portsmouth (£130,000). Outs: S Doyle to Hull City (£75,000).

Swindon Town

Osvaldo Ardiles is keeping his managerial moves as simple as his passes. He has retained the side he inherited from Lou Macari, adding only Galvin, a former colleague at White Hart Lane who was released by Sheffield Wednesday. Progress may be delayed while the others adjust to him and he to them.

1988-89: League: 6th. FA Cup: 4th round. Littlewoods Cup: 2nd round. Simod Cup: 1st round.
STAFF: Player-manager: O Ardiles. Assistant: C Bates. Goalkeepers: F Digby; R Hammond. Defenders: P Bodin; C Calderwood; C Fleming; J Gittens; D Hockaday; P King; R MacLaren; T Parkin. Midfield: O Ardiles; L Barnard; J Cornwall; S Foley; M Jones; T Jones; A McLoughlin; F Simpson. Forwards: P Coyne; T Galvin; D Geddis; D Shearer; N Tomlinson; A Viveash; S White.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: Tony G from Sheff Wednesday (Free). Outs: C Henry to Aldershot (£30,000).

Watford

Sustained their challenge until the closing week last season but are currently short of players. Three central defenders - Miller, McLelland and Morris - have been sold as well as a midfield player, Sherwood. Allison and Roeder have been bought from Halifax Town and Newcastle United respectively but gaps remain.

1988-89: League: 4th. FA Cup: 5th round. Littlewoods Cup: 2nd round. Simod Cup: 4th round
STAFF: Manager: S Harrison. Assistant: T Walley. Goalkeepers: T Coton; D James; M Rees. Defenders: B Ashby; J Drysdale; W Falconer; M Gardener; N Gibbs; D Holdsworth; G Roeder; J Solomon. Midfield: K Jackett; D Naylor; G Porter; C Pullan; L Richardson. Forwards: W Allison; A Gunn; L Henry; G Hodges; R Holden; D Holdsworth; N Redfearn; E Roberts.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: G Roeder from Newcastle United (free); W Alison from Halifax Town (£250,000). Outs: J McClelland to Leeds United (£100,000); T Sherwood to Norwich City (£175,000); P Miller to Bournemouth (£50,000); M Morris to Sheffield United (£150,000).

West Brom Albion

Pre-season form was as good as their disciplinary record last season was bad. Brian Talbot promises behaviour will improve. Has extended his choices by buying Parkin from Stoke and McNally from Shrewsbury among others and, even if he plays a less active role, his team should be among promotion candidates.

1988-89: League: 9th. FA Cup: 3rd round. Littlewoods Cup: 1st round. Simod Cup: 1st round.
STAFF: Player-manager: B Talbot. Assistant: S Pearson. Goalkeepers: P Bradshaw; S Naylor. Defenders: M Bennett; S Hodson; S North; S Parkin; P Raven; D Rodgers; C White. Midfielders: C Anderson; D Bradley; W Dobbins; T Ford; B McNally; R Robinson; G Robson; B Talbot. Forwards: K Bartlett; D Goodman; J Thomas; C West.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: B McNally from Shrewsbury (£385,000); S Parkin from Stoke City (£190,000); J Thomas from Bolton (£30,000). Outs: A Albiston to Dundee (£50,000); I Banks to Barnsley (£100,000); R Robertson to Rotheram Utd (£40,000)

West Ham United

Will open with a new manager but the old side. Lou Macari has yet to fill the vacancies left by Dickens and McAllister or to convince Ward and the talented Ince that they should stay. Main interest will initially be centred on their style. Will the attractive traditions of the Academy be forsaken?

1988-89: League: 19th (first division, relegated). FA Cup: 6th round. Littlewoods Cup: Semi-final. Simod Cup: 2nd round.
STAFF: Manager: L Macari. Goalkeepers: A McKnight; P Parkes. Defenders: J Dicks; T Gale; P Hilton; A Martin; T McQueen; G Parris; A Person; S Potts; R Stewart; G Strodder. Midfield: L Brady; A Devonshire; P Ince; K Keen; P Kelly; S Livett; S Robson; M Ward. Forwards: E Dolan; C Harwood; D Kelly; A King; F McAvennie; L Rosenior; S Slater.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: None. Outs: A Dickens to Chelsea (£635,000); T McAllister to Harrow Borough (free).

Wolves

Prolific partnership of Bull and Mutch has been augmented by the signing of Paskin from West Bromwich Albion. On route from the fourth to the first division in successive years and their direct path is likely to be blocked not because they score too few goals but because they concede too many.

1988-89: Record: League: 1st (Third division). FA Cup: 3rd round. Littlewoods Cup: 1st round.
STAFF: Manager: G Turner. First team coach: G Pendry. Goalkeepers: V Bertram; M Kendall; T Lange. Defenders: G Bellamy; T Bennett; N Clarke; K Downing; A Robertson; F Streete; M Venus; S Westley. Midfield: P Chard; M Gooding; M Green; R Kelly; A Thompson; N Vaughan. Forwards: S Bull; R Dennison; R Hanigan; P McLoughlin; A Mutch; J Paskin; T Steele.
CLOSE SEASON TRANSFERS: Ins: R McLoughlin from Hereford Utd. for (£45,000); T Lange from Aldershot (£150,000); S Westley from Southend Utd (£150,000); J Paskin from WBA (£75,000). Outs: Phil Robinson to Notts Co (£67,500).

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FOOTBALL

Fox obtains support in dispute over presidency

By Peter Ball

The Football League yesterday attempted to calm the dispute which has been raging over the presidency. A majority of the management committee attended a hastily convened "clear the air" meeting in London though, as expected, the three dissident first division representatives did not attend.

The meeting, which lasted for more than three hours, was addressed by a spokesman for the firm of headhunters which has been caught in the crossfire over the choice of Gordon Taylor as the League's Chief Executive by the newly elected president, Bill Fox.

Taylor's position was still confused yesterday, but it appeared that Fox has rallied support and will have the support of a majority on the committee if the dissidents call for his resignation.

He said he had no intention of standing down and insisted that the meeting had allowed "a friendly discussion on the office of chief executive with no animosity."

Fox refused to comment on the call for his resignation by Philip Carter, the Everton chairman, who was forced to resign himself last year, but he criticized the move by John Smith, of Liverpool, Robert Chase, of Norwich, and Doug Ellis, of Aston Villa, to call a meeting of first division clubs.

"I am very disappointed that we seem to be getting back to divisional meetings, but it is not the unanimous wish of the first division clubs that this meeting should take place," he said.

Chelsea have said they will not attend Monday's first division meeting and there is a feeling in some first division quarters that it is unfortunate the attacks on Fox are being led by two men who were defeated in the recent presidency election.

"There is no quarrel between Mr Fox and the first division," Reg Burr, the Millwall chairman, the only first division representative to attend yesterday's meeting, said. "But the whole of the management committee did not feel able to accept the situation over his appointment of the chief executive. Now we are waiting for the dust to settle."

How quickly depends on the outcome of Monday's meeting in Manchester.

Luton to oppose pitch ban

Luton Town officials announced yesterday yesterday that the club would challenge the Football League ruling that they must replace their synthetic pitch at Kenilworth Road.

The League decided at an extraordinary general meeting last week that synthetic pitches would not be allowed in the first and second divisions from 1991.

After a board meeting yesterday, the Luton chairman, Brian Cole, said the club's directors were unanimous that the issue was so important the club must fight the League.

Cole said that Luton had to defend their income of more than £250,000 a year from pitch bookings and claimed that the League have ignored Luton's contribution to the community by way of the pitch — they hold regular training sessions for youngsters and about 75,000 people have played games on the Kenilworth Road surface.

● Mel Machin has been rewarded for his role in Manchester City's promotion to the first division with a two-year extension to his contract.

● Wimbledon have reached a £150,000 sponsorship agreement with the South Korean electronics company, Samsung.

● Mo Johnston, the Rangers forward, signed a six-figure sponsorship deal with the sportswear firm, Puma yesterday. He will promote Puma equipment for the next three years in a contract reputed to be the biggest in British football.

Rangers, pursuing their fourth successive Skol Cup success, face a short trip down the River Clyde to face Morton in the third round of the tournament to be played next week.

DRAW: Third round: Celtic v Queen of the South; Hamilton v Dundee United; St Mirren v Motherwell; Falkirk v Hearts; Aberdeen v Airdrie; Dunfermline v Dundee; Hibernian v Clydebank; Morton v Rangers. (Ties to be played on August 22 or 23). Fourth round: Aberdeen or Airdrie v St Mirren or Motherwell; Falkirk or Hearts v Celtic or Queen of the South; Hibernian or Clydebank v Dunfermline or Dundee; Hamilton or Dundee United v Morton or Rangers. (Ties to be played on August 29 or 30).

Jonsson is rated at £475,000

A Football League tribunal yesterday ordered Arsenal to pay Sheffield Wednesday £475,000 for Siggi Jonsson, the Icelandic midfield player. The League champions had offered £50,000 while Wednesday rated Jonsson at £800,000.

Arsenal will recoup some of the fee from Nottingham Forest for Andrew Marriott, a goalkeeper. The tribunal ordered Forest to pay £50,000 for Nottingham-born Marriott plus a further £50,000 after he has played 25 first-team games and another £50,000 after 50 games.

Haarlem, in The Netherlands, who originally wanted about £300,000 for Raymond Atteveld, a midfield player, who moved to Everton in the summer, have agreed to accept £200,000.

The possibility of Martin Allen, the Queen's Park Rangers midfield player, and his cousin, Paul, who plays in midfield for Tottenham Hotspur, both joining West Ham United receded yesterday, when Derby County matched West Ham's offer of £650,000 for Martin Allen and Trevor Francis, the QPR player-manager, named him in his side to face Crystal Palace at home tomorrow.

Coventry City seem to have failed in their attempt to sign Brian Rice, the Nottingham Forest midfield player, despite agreeing a £265,000 fee.

Rick Holden, the Watford winger, has joined Oldham Athletic for £165,000. George Lawrence, the Millwall winger, joined Bournemouth yesterday for £100,000.

Reading have sold their reserve goalkeeper, Gary Phillips, to the GM Vauxhall Conference side, Barnet, for £20,000.

Mick Kennedy, the Leicester City midfield player, yesterday joined Luton Town in an exchange deal which took Rob Johnson, a full back, to the Filbert Street club, who will also receive £150,000.



On the attack: Stephenson, of England, prepares to deal with a ball from Lubbers, the captain of The Netherlands, during his innings of 121 yesterday

SWIMMING

E German women dominant

From Steven Downes
Bonn

They were playing that tune again yesterday, as the East German women won another three golds at the European championships here, but by the end of the day, *Inno Di Mameli* was becoming equally familiar, thanks to the efforts of Giorgi Lamberti and Stefano Battistelli.

Little Battistelli is not one of those swimmers who makes things look effortless. He batters the water into submission, and in the 200 metres backstroke final, he chased Vladimir Selkov to the final turn and, though it seemed barely possible, increased his stroke rate down the final length to snatch an outstanding win.

For Lamberti, the Italian anthem is music to his ears. Last year he failed to make the Olympic final at his better distance, the 200 metres freestyle, and was criticized at home for lacking courage. After this week, he is a hero, having already broken the world record at 200 metres, yesterday he took the 100 metres title with his second sub-50 seconds performance of the day.

"Lamberti is in the form of his life," Stephan Caron, who placed fourth, said. Caron was the closest that Britain came to a medal yesterday.

Kathy Read was the only individual finalist, placing seventh in a 100 metres backstroke won by Kristin Otto, but it was in the women's 4 x 100 metres freestyle relay that the greatest cause for optimism was seen. Despite including Sharron Davies, the quartet of Karen Pickering, aged 18, Caroline Woodcock, aged 16, and Joanna Coull, aged 15, is very much one for the future.

So inexperienced were the teenagers that it needed Davies, at 26 the old stager of the team, to tell them that they had broken the British record by 0.78sec before they realized the scale of their achievement.

Otherwise the British team had to be content with swims in B finals. These are sometimes misleadingly referred as consolation finals, but it is rarely a consolation for the swimmer. Still, Gary Binfield and Grant Robins did not seem to mind in the 200 metres backstroke, where Binfield swam a well-judged race to knock 0.23sec off his British record and Robins improved his best sufficiently to move to second on the national all-time list.

GOLF: AN UNLIKELY AMERICAN HERO BEATS HIS BACK TROUBLE

Peete defies logic and myth

By Patricia Davies

It is longer than he cares to remember since Calvin Peete, twice a United States Ryder Cup player, signed for 42 points, or, more conventionally, a score of 65, six under par. Yesterday, in the second round of the Murphy's Cup at St Pierre, Chepstow, he did just that and his total of 77 points put him one ahead of Carl Mason and Mark McNulty.

Peete is an unlikely golfing hero. He is black, from a poor background and did not take up what he always considered a stupid game until the age of 23, 23 years ago. He is also the guy to turn to to refute the straight-left-arm theory. Peete broke his elbow as a youngster and finds it impossible to straighten his left arm.

Despite all logical indications to the contrary, however, Peete has become a hugely successful golfer, winning nine times in the States, including the Tournament Players' Championship of 1985, and he has three times been in the top four on the US money list. Recently, back trouble has restricted his appearances and that made yesterday's round a joy.

"I had six birdies and no bogeys," he said, "and it's a welcome change to go out and have fun. This is probably the first good round I've had all year."

McNulty was steadiness personified, as usual, and did not drop a shot in a round that included two birdies. Mason also had 38 points for the second day in a row and was relaxed enough not to be bothered by the big hitting of his partner, Brett Ogle, an Australian so stick-like he makes Ken Brown look like Russell Claydon.

Brown himself had a poor day, scoring 32 points and being fined £50 for demolishing the tee-box after a bad drive at the 9th. Andrew Chandler, who shattered the box at the 16th, discovering it was made of plywood and not metal, promptly apologized and was reprimanded. Rumour had it that the concrete infillers would be moving in overnight.

LEADING SECOND-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 77pts: C Peete (US), 35, 42. 76: C Mason, 38, 38; M McNulty (Zim), 38, 38. 75: H Baiocchi (SA), 35, 40; J Hawkes (SA), 36, 39; J Bland (SA), 38, 37; S Stephen, 37, 38. 74: B Gallacher, 38, 36; A Stubbs, 39, 35; J Higgins 40, 34. 72: G Player (SA), 37, 35. 71: B Ogle (Aus), 32, 39; P Way, 34, 37. 70: B Barnes, 32, 38; P Harrison, 34, 36.

Lane back in cup reckoning

Barry Lane forced his way back into the Ryder Cup reckoning at Bokskogen, Sweden, yesterday by equalling the course record of 64 in the first round of the PLM Open.

Lane, the forgotten man as far as the Ryder Cup is concerned, had nine birdies in his eight-under-par total on the Malmö course where Tony Jacklin won the Scandinavian Open in 1974.

He hit his first shot into a lake, which cost him a penalty shot and an immediate bogey.

Once he got his putter working by holing from 10 feet to save par at the fourth, however, he surged to the front with five successive birdies from the fifth. He turned in 32, got another birdie after hitting the 12th green with two wooden clubs, and grabbed three more birdies in the last four holes.

At the 18th he was trapped in a small copse but hit his recovery through the branches of a sappling some 12 feet from the flag and holed it to take a two-shot lead over Martin Poxon and Mike Harwood, of Australia.

Philip Walton, of Ireland, also claimed nine birdies in his 67. He set the pace for rivals Sam Torrance, with 71, Denis Durnian and Mark Roe, both 70, and Christy O'Connor Junior, with 72.

Ian Woosnam had a sound 69, as did Ronan Rafferty. Anders Forsbrand, the local favourite, hit form with a 67, as did Ruud Bos, of the Netherlands, and Mark Davis.

Brooks tightens grip on title

By John Hennessy

Colin Brooks, of Grangemouth, strengthened his hold on the Peugeot PGA Assistants' championship yesterday. Although he fell three strokes outside the Hillside par of 72, his three-round total of 218 is five shots better than his closest challenger, Neil Wichelow, of Uxbridge, who scored 78.

One shot further back lie Scott Watson, of Stoneham, who scored 77 yesterday, and Paul Eales, of Royal Lytham and St Annes, who scored 76.

A change in the wind direction, with added severity, posed new problems, and the greens, drier and faster than the day before, called for a cool nerve as well as a sure touch. Watson, in particular, suffered with four putts on the last green from, originally, 25 feet. However, he bore up stoically, unlike his playing partner, Eales, who fell into an attitude of moody resignation.

"I couldn't wait to get off the course, I hit the ball so badly," he said afterwards, which hardly reflected a score only one shot higher than that of the leader.

Brooks, already the Scottish Assistants' champion, took 38, two over par, for both halves, his sixth at the long second including a penalty drop from a fence. He secured a birdie at the first, as he did at the 10th, but a poor third to the long 11th left him to chip downhill and downwind, an impossible combination in yesterday's conditions.

Much the same thing happened at the 12th, although this time he used his putter. He got up and down from a bunker for his third birdie at the 17th, but a fairway bunker at the last allowed no reprieve.

THIRD ROUND SCORES: 218: C Brooks (Grangemouth), 76, 67, 75. 223: N Wichelow (Harefield Place), 74, 71, 78. 224: P Eales (Royal Lytham and St Annes), 73, 75, 76; S Watson (Stoneham), 71, 76, 77. 225: M McLaren (Long Niddry), 77, 72, 76. 228: A Crerar (Blairgowrie), 82, 74, 72; G Collinson (Windy Hill), 80, 72, 76. 229: B Rimmer (Burton-on-Trent), 75, 78, 76; J Voyle (Welwyn Garden City), 78, 76, 75; J Evans (Royal Porthcawl), 79, 73, 77; J Sewell (Woburn), 77, 75, 77.

Confident Fraser close to realizing prediction

By a Special Correspondent

Colin Fraser, the Scottish champion, qualified for the final of the British Boys' Championship at Nairn yesterday and then said: "I always knew this was going to be my week."

Brimming with confidence and enjoying the wild, windy conditions, the stocky, Burntisland boy, aged 17, eliminated Steve Church, of Wakefield, by one hole and then guaranteed his place in the 36-hole final today with a 4 and 2 win over Nick Ludwell, of Selby.

Exhausted after having played 12 matches, including the home international series, in just over a week, Fraser was six over par in beating Church.

Against Ludwell, a giant of a boy, Fraser was more consistent. Levelling the match on the 8th green with a 10-foot birdie putt, Fraser won three holes in succession from the 11th, all with pars, before clinching the match with a birdie at the 15th.

Carl Watts, of Dyke, Brighton, had a two-hole victory over David Downie, of Ladybank, and then beat Gary Williamson, of Northumberland, 2 and 1.

RESULTS: Fifth round: G Williamson (Newbiggin-by-the-Sea) bt R Russell (Longniddry), 3 and 2; C Watts (Dyke) bt I Handley (Sandiway), 4 and 2; D Downie (Ladybank) bt M Garabedian (Fr), 1 hole. *Quarter-finals:* C Fraser (Burntisland) bt S Church (Wakefield), 1 hole; N Ludwell (Selby) bt R Burns (Banbridge), 5 and 4; G Williamson bt I Garbutt (Wheatley), 5 and 4; C Watts bt D Downie, 2 holes. Semi-finals: Fraser bt Ludwell, 4 and 3; Watts bt Williamson, 2 and 1.

Continental girls take control at Carlisle

By Chris Smart

Lisa Walton, a sixth-form student from Reading, who may join the paid ranks after completing her academic studies, almost single-handedly prevented an overseas takeover of the British girls' open championship, at Carlisle, yesterday.

At the end of the 36-hole qualifying test, three French girls, three Swedes, two Spaniards and one Italian were among the 16 through to the match-play stages.

Walton, aged 17, from Calcot Park, a plus one handicapper, returned a second successive 73 — level par — for a 146 aggregate to be two strokes adrift of Sofie Eriksson, of Sweden, who set a course record on Wednesday.

Walton is one of only two English girls in contention, the other being Caroline Hall, from Filton, who qualified on 151.

Four Scottish girls reached the knock-out stages, but there is just one Irish teenager left — Sandra Keane, aged 16, of Charleville, County Cork.

QUALIFIERS: 144: S Eriksson (Swe), 69, 75. 146: L Walton (Calcot Park), 73, 73. 147: L Ericsson (Swe), 76, 71. 149: S Mendiburu (Fr), 71, 78. 150: J Moodie (Windyhill), 75, 75. 151: C Hall (Filton), 73, 78; J Helmersson (Swe), 73, 78; S Keane (Charleville), 78, 75. 152: E Knuth (Sp), 74, 78. 153: J Anderson (Hawick), 76, 77; M McKinlay (Blairmore and Strone), 77, 76. 155: S Cavalleri (It), 75, 80; M McKay (Turnbury), 75, 80; L Navarro (Sp), 72, 83; K Morgue D'Algue (Fr), 75, 80; S Lacaze (Fr), 81, 74.

FIRST ROUND DRAW: Eriksson v Navarro; Knuth v Hall; Moodie v Lacaze; Morgue D'Algue v Mendiburu; Ericsson v McKay; Anderson v Keane; Helmersson v McKinlay; Cavalleri v Walton.

POLO

Britain defeat holders to earn a place in final

From a Special Correspondent, West Berlin

Britain beat Argentina, the holders, 9-6, at the Maifeld stadium here yesterday in their final league play-off of the FIP world championship, earning a place in the final of the tournament on Sunday against Chile or the United States.

Javier Tanoira, aged 18, scored for the Argentinians in the first minute. Britain equalized with a 30-yard drive from Brodie then Kemp scored from a 60-yard penalty. Britain replied with a goal from Dixon and William Lucas followed up to give Britain the lead.

At the start of the second chukka, Kemp succeeded with 40-yard penalty and Tanoira scored, but Brodie equalized.

Brodie tried a shot and the free ball was ridden through by his No. 2, William Lucas, whose brother, James, the captain, increased the lead with a penalty.

With the score at 6-5, the fifth chukka opened with a 60-yard under-the-neck score from James Lucas. The Argentinians were rewarded with a goal from Kemp but Lucas, in a front-of-goal melée, coolly scored.

The Lucas brothers were able to capitalize on their good understanding. A brilliantly taken penalty in the sixth from Kemp brought some hope to Argentina but they were too closely marked and Brodie drove home the final goal.

BRITAIN: 1, A Brodie (3); 2, W Lucas (5); 3, J Lucas (5); Bk, J Dixon (1).
ARGENTINA: 1, J Tanoira (4); 2, S de Iriondo (3); 3, G Kemp (5); Bk, M MacDonough (2).

EQUESTRIANISM

British stake a claim

Rotterdam — The British team led after the first round of the European show jumping championships in Rotterdam yesterday when John Whitaker staked his claim for the individual title by finishing first in the class (a Special Correspondent writes).

A perfect round by Whitaker and Next Milton in yesterday's lead competition, in which he finished almost three seconds faster than the second-placed Michel Robert, of France, with Pequignet Lafayette, has put him in a strong position for the individual gold medal.

His performance in today's Nations' Cup for the team award will also count towards the final competition on Sunday for the individual placings.

Nicholas Skelton, Michael Whitaker, and Joe Turi, the other three members of the British team, each had four faults but Skelton and Whitaker achieved fast enough times to give Britain a lead of only 1.14 points over France.

RESULTS: Individual championship (first round): 1, J Whitaker (GB), Next Milton, 0; 2, M Robert (France), Pequignet Lafayette, 1.42; 3, P Raymakers (Holland), Olympic Zamira, 2.88. Other British placings: 9, N Skelton, Burmah Apollo, 3.82; 10, M Whitaker, Next Monsanta, 4.53; 24, J Turi, Country Classic Kruger, 7.87. Team Championships (first round): 1, Great Britain, 8.36; 2, France, 9.41; 3, Netherlands, 10.98.

Tourists stay true to their word

By Ivo Tennant

CANTERBURY: Kent, with nine second-innings wickets in hand, are 123 runs behind the Australians

At the outset, the Australians proclaimed that their priority would be to try and win every match they played this summer. So rather than opt for batting practice, as other touring sides in recent memory would have done, they enforced the follow-on. Kent, who were dismissed for 191, made a reasonable start to their second innings.

The sizeable Kent crowd would, of course, have liked to have seen something of Alderman, who in two notable seasons here took 174 wickets in between indulging in his penchant for antiques. Instead, they discovered the merits of the Australians' back-up bowling. Only Hinks, whose 85 included 17 fours, had the measure of it.

Campbell, who has similar variety if not as yet the same immaculate control of Alderman, was the mainstay of the attack. Rackemann made the initial breakthroughs and there were wickets towards the end of the innings for May. There were not many stages when the batsmen held sway.

No sooner had the Australians opted for continuance of their first innings than it began to rain. The players were not back on until 12.45pm. There was time enough, though, for Rackemann to take two wickets before lunch, beating Benson on the back foot and having Pienaar taken at short leg off bat and pad.

Hinks added 52 in eigth overs with Ward, who is making a habit of scoring a rapid 30 or so and then seemingly losing concentration. Now, he was tempted outside the off-stump by Waugh. Longley, Fleming and Dobson all went to Campbell, who was trying yorkers, slower balls and even leg breaks — the pitch was giving him only a modicum of help.

For a while, 19 overs in fact, it looked as if Kent might well avoid following on. Hinks, who was rarely troubled, put on 67 with Farbrace, of whom much the same could be said. The latter had made 35 when May had him leg before as he shaped to glance and deceived Hinks.

The task of scoring a further 29 runs proved beyond the tail. Ealham failed to clear mid-off and Kelleher drove Campbell to cover point.

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings

M A Taylor c Farbrace b Kelleher	14
*G R Marsh lbw b Kelleher	2
D C Boon c Farbrace b Ealham	86
T M Moody b Kelleher	14
D M Jones c Kelleher b Davis	128
S R Waugh b Kelleher	1
†T J Zoehrer st Farbrace b Dobson	32
T V Hohns not out	39
T B A May c Davis b Dobson	24
G D Campbell not out	0
Extras (lb 8, nb 8)	16
Total (8 wkts dec)	356

C G Rackemann did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-18, 3-35, 4-218, 5-228, 6-281, 7-311, 8-353.

BOWLING: Kelleher 26.1-7-82-4; Ealham 24-5-82-1; Fleming 19-3-55-0; Davis 21-3-75-1; Dobson 12-0-44-2.

KENT: First Innings

S G Hinks b May	85
*M R Benson lbw b Rackemann	3
R F Pienaar c Taylor b Rackemann	0
T R Ward c Zoehrer b Waugh	32
J I Longley c Hohns b Campbell	10
M V Fleming b Campbell	7
M C Dobson lbw b Campbell	2
†P Farbrace lbw b May	35
M A Ealham c Boon b May	7
D J M Kelleher c Hohns b Campbell	8
R P Davis not out	0
Extras (lb 1, nb 1)	2
Total	191

BOWLING: Rackemann 10-3-38-2; Campbell 23.1-5-78-4; Waugh 7-1-29-1; May 15-5-40-3; Hohns 2-1-4-0.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-11, 3-63, 4-82, 5-85, 6-105, 7-173, 8-178, 9-191.

Second Innings

S G Hinks c Zoehrer b Moody	16
*M R Benson not out	20
R P Davis not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 2)	6
Total (1 wkt)	42

Umpires: B Hassan and K Taylor.

Injured Smith to see expert

Chris Smith, the Hampshire opener, may miss the remainder of the season after breaking his right thumb in the NatWest Trophy semi-final against Middlesex on Wednesday.

Smith will see a specialist today to decide if an operation will be necessary on the thumb, which was struck by a beamer from Angus Fraser, the fast bowler. He was 110 not out at the time and appeared to be guiding Hampshire to a victory that would have given them a place in their first 60-overs final at Lord's. Two balls later he was caught halfway to the mid-wicket boundary.

● Mike Turner, the Leicestershire chief executive, who has been with the club for 40 years, has been given a five-year contract. He has also been granted an eight week sabbatical to go to Australia for England's 1990-91 tour.

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FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

ZURICH: Weltklasse meeting: Men: 100m: Second race: 1, C Lewis (US), 10.09sec; 2, D Mitchell (US), 10.14; equal 3, L Burrell (US) and A Cason (US), 10.19; 5, L Christie (GB), 10.23. 200m: First race: 1, D Mitchell (US), 20.21sec; 2, J Butler (US), 20.45; 3, K Braunskill (US), 20.58; 4, M Witherspoon (US), 20.59; 5, M Adam (GB), 20.82; 6, A Mafe (GB), 21.05. Second race: 1, R da Silva (Br), 20.04; 2, D Sangouma (Fr), 20.31; 3, S Tilli (It), 20.43; 4, J Regis (GB), 20.49. 400 metres: First race: 1, A Phillips (US), 45.35; 2, I Morris (Trinidad), 45.48sec; 3, K Young (US), 45.52. British: 6, B Whittle (GB), 46.18. Second race: 1, H Reynolds (US), 44.31; 2, D Everett (US), 44.36; 3, R Hernández (Cuba), 44.78. 800m: Second race: 1, P Ereng (Ken), 1min 43.16sec; 2, N Kiprotich (Ken), 1:43.38; 3, Abdi Bile (Somalia) 1:43.60; 4, A Suhonen (Fin), 1:44.10; 5, T McKean (GB), 1:44.20. 1,500 metres: Second race: 1, W Kirochi (Ken), 3min 33.65sec; 2, S Coe (GB), 3:34.05; 3, K Cheruiyot (Ken), 3:34.14. 5,000m: 1, Said Aouita (Mor), 13min 24.45sec; 2, D Castro (Por), 13:25.08; 3, J Ngugi (Ken), 13:25.50. 110m hurdles: 1, R Kingdom (US), 12.92sec (world record); 2, C Jackson (GB), 13.12; 3, T Campbell (US), 13.23; 4, J Pierce (US), 13.24; 5, G Foster (US), 13.28; 6, A Jarrett (GB), 13.35. 3,000m steeplechase: 1, J Kariuki (Ken), 8min 15.98sec; 2, P Sang (Ken), 8:20.19; 3, A Lambruschini (It), 8:21.21; 4, T Hanlon (GB) 8:22.74. High jump: 1, P Sjöberg (Swe), 2.36m; 2, J Sotomayor (Cuba), 2.34; 3, H Conway (US), 2.31; 4, D Grant (GB), 2.31. Pole vault: 1, G Egorov (USSR), 5.80m; 2, R Gataullin (USSR), 5.70; 3, E Bell (US), 5.60. Javelin: 1, S Backley (GB), 84.90m; 2, S Einarsson (Ice), 80.84; 3, S Rasty (Fin), 78.66. Other British: 5, M Hill (GB), 78.00. Shot: 1, W Günthör (Switz), 21.82m; 2, R Barnes (US), 21.71; 3, M Stulce (US), 21.05. Women: 100m: 1, M Ottey (Jam), 11.07sec; 2, E Ashford (US), 11.11; 3, P Davis (Bahamas), 11.29. 800m: 1, A-F Quirot (Cuba), 1min 58.12sec; 2, G Leech (WG), 1:59.75; 3, D Edwards (GB), 1:59.99. 1,500m: 1, P Ivan (Rom), 4min 0.25sec; 2, D Melinte (Rom), 4:00.89; 3, S Kitova (USSR), 4:02.05; 5, L McIntyre (GB), 4:11.77. 3,000m: 1, E van Hulst (Neth), 8min 40.85sec; 2, Y Murray (GB), 8:42.15; 3, P Plumer (US), 8:49.52. 100m hurdles: First race: 1, G Adams (Cuba), 13.00sec; 2, G Lippe (WG), 13.08; 3, C Young (US), 13.37. Second race: 1, M Ewanje-Epee (Fr), 13.08; 2, F Colle (Fr), 13.12; 3, A Piquerau (Fr), 13.19. 400m hurdles: 1, S Patrick-Farmer (US), 54.44sec; 2, S Gunnell (GB), 54.64; 3, D Fitzgerald-King (Aus), 55.26. Long jump: 1, M Bax (Rom), 6.96m; 2, G Tschistiakova (USSR), 6.80; 3, V Ionescu (Rom), 6.75; 4, F May (GB), 6.63. Javelin: 1, B Grauss (WG), 63.08m; 2, E Fernández (Cuba), 62.48; 3, Z Malovecz (Hun), 60.66.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milwaukee Brewers 5, New York Yankees 1; California Angels 7, Minnesota Twins 3; Texas Rangers 3, Seattle Mariners 1; Detroit Tigers 4, Baltimore Orioles 0; Toronto Blue Jays 7, Boston Red Sox 3; Kansas City Royals 5, Chicago White Sox 4; Cleveland Indians 6, Oakland A's 3. NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Mets 7, San Diego Padres 2; Montreal Expos 4, San Francisco Giants 2; Chicago Cubs 5, Cincinnati Reds 1; Philadelphia Phillies 6, Los Angeles Dodgers 2; St Louis Cardinals 3, Atlanta Braves 2; Pittsburgh Pirates 5, Houston Astros 4 (12 inns).

BOWLS

WORTHING: Woolwich national championship: Triples: First round: Shouldham (Norfolk) 18, Woolston and District (Hants) 16; Vines Park (Worcs) 24, Ayscoughfee Spalding (Lincs) 14; Swindon (Wilts) 20, Exmoor (Herefordshire) 13; Wellworthy (Dorset) 24, British Rail (Cumbria) 7; Plymouth CS (Devon) 29, Winget (Glouce) 6; Stony Stratford (Bucks) 21, Long Eaton WP (Derbys) 9; Victoria Drive (Sussex) 19, Stanton Clubhouse (Derbys) 17; Bristol (Somerset) 20, Guildford (Surrey) 19; Bolton (Lancs) 30, Henley-on-Thames (Oxon) 7; Carnon Downs (Cornwall) 23, Plessey Radar (IoW) 11; Rockcliffe (Northumbria) 16, Banbury Chestnuts (Oxon) 11; Rolls-Royce (Leics) 21, Hatfield (Herts) 10; Southbourne (Sussex) 24, Streatham Park (Surrey) 10; City of Ely (Cambs) 18, Aylesbury Town (Bucks) 10; Liberty of Havering (Essex) 18, Broomfield (Middlesex) 12; Biggleswade St Andrews (Beds) 21, Pangbourne (Berks) 9; Framlingham Castle (Suffolk) 21, Holgate (Yorkshire) 14; Poole Park (Dorset) 20, Bembridge (IoW) 9; Tiverton Borough (Devon) 18, Keswick Fitz Park (Cumbria) 11; Clevedon (Somerset) 18, Livesey Memorial (Kent) 11; Wymondham Dell (Norfolk) 22, South Tyneside (Durham) 8; Gilt Edge (Worcestershire) 19, Maidenhead Town (Berks) 11; St Giles Lincoln (Lincs) 17, Portsmouth Civil Service (Hants) 11; Luton Town (Beds) 28, Perranporth (Cornwall) 13; Erdington Court (Warwicks) 17, Chippenham Town (Wilts) 8; Tring (Herts) 17, Brackley and District (Northants) 11; Blackheath and Greenwich (Kent) 19, Worksop Parks (Notts) 14; Bilton (Warwicks) 18, Hinckley (Leics) 17; Riebygate (Suffolk) 15, Summerhill (Northumberland) 16; Bush Hill Park (Middlesex) 19, Wellingborough (Northants) 17; Witham (Essex) 17, Hereford (Herefordshire) 15; Newmarket Avenue (Cambs) 13, Bidworth Welfare (Notts) 9. Second round: Shouldham 16, Victoria Drive 15; Swindon 18, Vines Park 17; Bristol 15, Tring 8; Wellworthy 17, Plymouth CS 11; Blackheath and Greenwich 21, Bolton 13; Riebygate 25, Bilton 9; City of Ely 19, Carnon Downs 18; Liberty of Havering 16, Biggleswade St Andrew's 15; Stony Stratford 22, Rockcliffe 11; Rolls-Royce 24, Bush Hill Park 11; Southbourne 14, Witham 13; Newmarket Avenue 18, Framlingham Castle 13; Poole Park 26, Chiverton Borough 11; Wymondham Dell 15, Clevedon 8; St Giles Lincoln 21, Gilt Edge 13; Erdington Court 19, Luton Town 15.

EBBW VALE: Welsh Bowling Association national championships: Singles: Quarter-finals: G T Grimms (Abertridwr) bt A Cummings (Pembroke Dock), 21-13; R Weale (Presteigne) bt B Broad (Tredyrhiw), 21-13; A McCarley (Brynhyfryd) bt T Ludlow (Whiteheads, Newport), 21-19; P Toogood (Bridgend) bt K Peregrine (Ammanford Park), 21-13. Under-25 singles: Quarter-finals: H Evans (Newquay, Card) bt D Parsons (Chepstow), 21-17; D Powell (Pontrhydyfen) bt B Jones (Loughor), 21-17; J Greenslade (St Fagans) bt P Robbins (Penygraig), 21-17; M Prosser (Ely Valley) bt B Weale (Presteigne), 21-15. Semi-finals: Powell bt Evans, 21-8. Under-35 singles: Quarter-finals: G Ellis (Aberystwyth) bt A Evans (Parc Howard), 21-12; P Robbins (Penygraig) bt R D Bowen (Porthcawl), 21-12; R Jones (Blaenavon) bt M Thomas (Cwmbran Park), 21-13; M Weaver (Montgomery) bt B Pycroft (Barry Athletic), 21-17. Semi-finals: Weaver bt Jones, 21-18. Pairs: First round: J Evans and M Samuel (Abergavenny) bt T Jenkins and A Edwards (Queens Road, Card), 18-12; J and D Wilkins (Pontrhydyfen) bt N and L B Fleming (Machynlleth), 21-18; T George and M Johnson (Cymmer) bt M Smith and P Howells (Haverfordwest), 25-15; G Craber and M Kent (Porthcawl) bt M Skinner and C Rees (Brynhyfryd), 28-14; V Grandfield and J R Ellis (St Fagans) bt J Harris and G Fardon (Havelock Park), 25-12; M Chard and J Male (Harlequins) bt W Pugh and G Roberts (Abertridwr), 26-14; P Robbins and R Mills (Penygraig) bt A Hoe and R Berry (Croesyceiliog), 27-14; B Pycroft and R Cowling (Barry Athletic) bt M Davies and J Owen (Knighton), 28-12. Triples: Quarter-finals: Brynhyfryd (M Watts) bt Caldicot (B Howard), 27-12; Aberavon (J Price) bt Penygraig (P Robbins), 18-11; Presteigne (D Weale) bt Sully (B Griffiths), 22-10; Aberaeron (D Harries) bt Llanbradach (A Marshall), 23-20. Fours: Quarter-finals: Abergavenny (M Ansley) bt Pontypool Park (A Sargeant), 22-20; Dinas Powis (L C Webley) bt Ely Valley (M Prosser), 28-25; Brynhyfryd (M Bishop) bt St Gabriels (R Gough), 18-15; Cam Gears (W Thomas) bt Presteigne (R Weale), 25-19.

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Wimbledon 51, Eastbourne 45.

TENNIS

CINCINNATI: ATP championships: Second round (US unless stated): J Courier bt R Seguso, 3-6, 6-7, 6-4; P Sampras bt A Olhovskiy (USSR), 7-5, 2-6, 6-3; J Yzaga (Peru) bt D Visser (SA), 6-4, 6-2; N Kroon (Swe) bt P Aldrich (SA), 6-3, 6-3; J Svensson (Swe) wo W Hunt, scr; R Krishnan (India) bt J Frana (Arg), 4-6, 7-6, 4-2, ret; A Krickstein bt C Bailey (GB), 6-3, 7-5; G Muller (SA) bt A Chesnokov (USSR), 6-3, 6-3; M Wilander (Swe) bt J Riva, 6-4, 6-4; B Becker (WG) bt P McEnroe, 6-4, 6-1; M Chang bt J Grabb, 6-3, 5-7, 7-6; B Gilbert bt J Stoltenberg (Aus), 6-3, 6-2; S Edberg (Swe) bt B Pearce, 6-4, 6-1.

MAHWAH, New Jersey: Women's tournament: First round: H Mandlikova (Aus) bt M Maleeva (Bul), 6-4, 6-2; C Lindqvist (Swe) bt C Cunningham (US), 7-5, 2-6, 6-4. Second round: S Graf (WG) bt E Inoue (Japan), 6-1, 6-1; A Temesvari (Hun) bt K Maleeva (Bul), 6-4, 6-7, 6-4; L Ferrando (It) bt K Rinaldi (US), 6-1, 6-1; S Martin (US) bt P Shriver (US), 6-1, 1-6, 6-4.

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico: Women's tournament: Second round: A Smith (US) bt N Miyagi (Japan), 6-1, 7-5; E Reinach (SA) bt R Reggi (It), 7-5, 7-6; M Maleeva (Bul) bt A Henricksson (US), 6-1, 6-3; G Bowes (US) bt A Coetzer (SA), 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

SAINT VINCENT, Italy: Clay court tournament: Second round: G Giussani (Arg) bt G Rivas (Arg), 6-1, 6-1; R Arguello (Arg) wo M Ostoja (Yugo), scr; C Pistolesi (It) bt Canciotti (It), 6-4, 6-1; J Aguilera (Sp) bt E Bengoechea (Arg), 6-1, 6-4.

EASTBOURNE: Prudential junior grass court championships: Quarter-finals: Boys 16 and under: P Robinson (Northants) bt M Maclagan (Scot), 7-5, 7-6; G Gibson (Dorset) bt M Heward (Surrey), 6-3, 7-5; S Bonham (Essex) bt M Delamere (Lancs), 6-7, 6-1, 6-2; R Over (Derbys) bt B Cowen (Lancs), 6-1, 6-3. Girls 16 and under: C Herbert (Herts) bt L Needham (Cambs), 6-3, 7-6; C Hunt (Dorset) bt J Bhagwandas (Middx), 3-6, 6-0, 6-2; S Siddall (Dorset) bt M Hughes (Wales), 6-2, 6-2; K Cross (Devon) bt M Metcalfe (Leics), 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

CRICKET

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: March: Norfolk 198-8 dec and 0-1; Cambridgeshire 149. Hartlepool: Suffolk 170-6 dec and 240-6 dec (C Gladwin 79 not out, J W Edrich 71); Durham 205-4 dec and 214-3 (P Burn 96 not out, N A Riddell 65 not out). Durham won by 7 wickets. Weymouth: Cornwall 249-6 dec (E Nicolson 105, S M Williams 96) and 134 (A R Wingfield-Digby 4-59, C Stone 4-49); Dorset 345-4 dec (C Stone 150 not out, J A Claughton 57) and 42-1. Dorset won by 9 wickets.

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Blackpool: Glamorgan 170-4 (G C Holmes 103 not out) v Lancashire. Banstead: Surrey 247 (D M Ward 89, M A Feltham 50) v Nottinghamshire. Bournemouth: Essex 241 (I J Turner 4-41); Hampshire 4-0. Cheltenham: Gloucestershire 274-3 (G D Hodgson 130, K B K Ibadulla 57 not out) v Worcestershire. Enfield: Northamptonshire 330 (J W Govan 88, D Munday 69; A G J Fraser 5-102) v Middlesex. Marske: Yorkshire 278-7 (D Gough 88, P J Hartley 53 not out) v Somerset. Market Harborough: Leicestershire 175 (A Roseberry 61, Hansford 4-48; R Bunting 4-41); Sussex 80-5 (R H Edmonds 4-30).

ESSO NAYC FESTIVAL: Cambridge: Essex 169-8 (J Lewis 67). Lancashire 176-8 (J Crawley 65). Essex won by 13 runs. Leicestershire 201-5, Norfolk 105. Leicester won by 96 runs. Suffolk 144 (P Shankes 53, P Owen 5-55), Bedfordshire 145-8. Beds won by five wickets. Sussex 164-7 (J Dean 50 not out, D Cussins 5-44), Cambridgeshire 67 (J North 6-20). Sussex won by 97 runs. Notts 171-8 (N Hunter 51); Surrey 173-6 (D Lewis 59 not out). Surrey won by four wickets. Lincolnshire 254-6 (S Drew 101, R Pumfreys 79), Middlesex 191-7. Lincolnshire won by 63 runs. Northants 166-8 Yorkshire 167-4. Yorkshire won by six wickets. Amended score (Tuesday): Middlesex 135, Leicester 137-6. Leics won by four wickets. Oxford: Herts 158 (D Maslin 57, S Taylor 6-46). Leinster 117 (J Dunn 46, D Hodges 5-46). Herts won by 36 runs. Kent 239-5 (D Thompson 74) G D Myers 60). Worcs 145 (I Wood 72, M Patel 5-47). Kent won by 94 runs. Hampshire 228-5 (I Muir 80 not out, M Kelleway 50). Durham 98 (D Flint 7-25). Hampshire won by 134 runs. Warwicks 202-8 (D Ostler 62, S Shepherd 52), Glamorgan 48 (G Shephard 5-22, F Mirza 4-19). Warwicks won by 154 runs. Berkshire 185 (M Sagher 57), Staffordshire 187-8 (G Archer 107). Staffs won by five wickets. Somerset 177 (M Gibbs 94), Shropshire 84 (M Gibbs 4-19). Somerset won by 93 runs. Derbyshire 218-7 (M May 71), Oxfordshire 219-5 (S Laudat 74, P Lunn 66). Oxfordshire won by five wickets.

CYCLING

TOUR OF THE NETHERLANDS: Fourth stage (Hulzen to Raalte, 204km): 1, J-P van Poppel (Neth), 5hr 7min 8sec; 2, J Nijdam (Neth); 3, E Vanderaerden (Bel), same time. Overall: 1, T Marie (Fr), 11hr 44min 40sec; 2, Nijdam, 6sec behind; 3, S Yates (GB), 10sec. Irish placing: 8, S Kelly, 1min 20sec.

LISSONE, Italy: Agostoni Cup (Italy unless stated): 1, D Konyshev (USSR), 5hr 58min 35sec; 2, R Sorensen (Den), at same time; 3 E Bombini, at 12 seconds; 4 P Carlin (Yug), at same time; 5 S Colage, at 1:10; 6 C Chiappucci; 7, M Vitali; 8, F Chioccioli; 9, M Chiesa; 10, C Passera, all same time.

FOOTBALL

GREEN KING SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Brook House 0, Hanwell 2; Edgware 2, Beckton 0; Walthamstow 0, Grinsdown 5.
BELGIAN LEAGUE: Mechelen 3, Ghent 0; Lokeren 0, Antwerp 0; Anderlecht 6, Waregem 0; Cercle Bruges 1, FC Liège 0; St Truiden 1, Beveren 1; Beerschot 0, Lierse 0; Standard Liège 1, Club Bruges 1; Kortrijk 3, Beveren 1; Charleroi 3, Racing Mechelen 0.
DUTCH LEAGUE: Willem II Tilburg 0, Twente Enschede 0; BVV den Bosch 0, MVV Maastricht 3; Roda JC Kerkrade 1, Sparta Rotterdam 1; Ajax 5, Vitesse Arnhem 2; Haarlem 0, RKC Waalwijk 2; Feyenoord 1, Volendam 1.
POLISH LEAGUE: LKS Lodz 1, Lech Poznan 0; Zaglebie Sosnowiec 1, Gornik Zabrze 2; Zawisza Bydgoszcz 2, Stal Mielec 0; Olimpia Poznan 1, Widzew Lodz 1; Zaglebie Lubin 3, Motor Lublin 0; Legia Warsaw 2, Ruch Chorzow 2; Slask Wroclaw 2, Wisla Krakow 0; GKS Katowice 3, Jagiellonia Bialystok 0.
WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: Hamburg 1, VfB Stuttgart 0; Cologne 4, Kaiserslautern 1; Karlsruher 3, Bayern Munich 3; Borussia Dortmund 1, Fortuna Düsseldorf 0; Eintracht Frankfurt 4, Bochum 0.
INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Malmö: Sweden 2, France 4.
OTHER MATCHES: Waterlooville 0 Portsmouth 1; Enfield 1, Tottenham Hotspur 3; Welling United 1, Queen's Park Rangers 0.

GOLF

ROSSES POINT, Co Sligo: Irish amateur closed championship: Semi-finals: N Goulding (Portmarnock) bt D Clarke (Dungannon), 3 and 2; P McGinley (Grange) bt M Morris (Portmarnock), 5 and 4. Final: McGinley bt Goulding, 3-2.

YACHTING

TSU BAY, Japan: World 470 championship: Men: Fourth race: 1, Nakamura and Takahashi (Japan); 2, Calafat and Luna (Sp); 3, Sato and Oida (Japan); 4, Sih and Sih (US); 5 Tsutsumi and Tsutsumi (Japan). British placing: 9, Buckley and Newlands. Women: Third race: 1, Le Brun and Barre (Fr); 2, Meyer and Adlkofer (WG); 3, Shige and Nonaka (Japan); 4, Alexanderson and Alexanderson (Swe); 5, Autissier and Maus (Fr); 6, Rees-Jones and Hay (GB).
FINDHORN: National 18 championship: Fourth race: 1, M Lane (Ma Tickle Us, RCYC); 2, J Crotty (Rhythmique, RCYC); 3, P Crowley (Cobble Roo, RCYC); 4, K Davidson (Wave Breaker, Royal Findhorn); 5, E Cogan (Minerva, RCYC).
WHITSTABLE: National Merlin Rocket championship (after four races): 1, R Bett and R Sampson (Dangerbat, Cookham Reach); 2, A Warren and W Warren (Once Bitten, Shoreham); 3, N Aubrey and C Rutter (Buckle Up, Bolton); equal 4, M Lennon and K Driver (Charge Of The Light Brigade, Coniston Water), J Bell and R O'Toole (White Mischief, Hampton); 6, A Elsmore and P Hammett (Turncoat, Bristol Corinthian).
MYLOR, Cornwall: Lombard British open and national Optimist championship: Third race: 1, A Snell; 2, C Mayhew; 3, D Lenz. Fourth race: Abandoned. Fifth race: 1, E Dolan; 2, R Vincent; 3, R Lovering. Overall: 1, Lovering.

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Storm fails to slow Walker Cup charge

From Mitchell Platts
Golf Correspondent
Atlanta, Georgia

The Great Britain and Ireland team was on the threshold of creating history after capturing what appeared to be an unassailable lead in the 32nd Walker Cup match against the United States on the Peachtree course here yesterday.

They were left requiring only 1½ points from the final series of eight singles after increasing their lead to 11-5 by winning the second series of foursomes by 3½-1½. So at long last a first win on American soil was in sight.

What is more every member of the Great Britain and Ireland team showed enormous strength of character to resume following an interruption of one hour and 20 minutes because of a thunderstorm.

Russell Claydon is only one of several golfers in the Great Britain and Ireland team who would appear to have a long term future as a professional whereas only Robert Gamez and Phil Mickleson have fulfilled their potential in the United States team this week.

Claydon confirmed that he is turning professional and that he will compete in the German Open on the PGA European Tour in Frankfurt next week. He played a significant role yesterday when he linked with Craig Cassells to complete a fine 3 and 2 win over Jay Sigel and Greg Lesher.

It was an enthralling encounter with Claydon and Lesher eventually two under par when the match ended on the 16th green, where Claydon laid dead a downhill putt of fully 35 feet. He had earlier holed on the resumption, from eight feet and 12 feet at the 12th and 13th respectively.

Geoff Marks, the Great Britain and Ireland captain, was there to congratulate Claydon and Cassells, aged 20, who is the youngest player in the team.

Andrew Hare and Jim Milligan lost, for the second successive day, a comfortable advantage against David Eger and Kevin Johnson. This time they went from four up to all square but they steadied themselves after the rain delay and, by virtue of winning three holes in a row from the 12th, moved clear.

Garth McGimpsey and Stephen Dodd were also called on to recover their equilibrium after Phil Mickleson, a left-hander who must surely have an exciting future, and Danny Yates came back from four down after 11, to one down with three to play.

Victory, however, was assured when at the 17th McGimpsey holed from 10 feet at which he threw his visor high in the air. It was a rare sign of emotion from a team which has applied itself with dedication and determination to the task of ending the invincibility of the United States on their own soil.

Peter McEvoy and Eoghan O'Connell halved with Doug Martin and Gamez. A contest of fluctuating fortunes began with Martin holing from 14 feet for a birdie and McEvoy following him in from six feet. Gamez hit a wedge shot of 115 yards to within three feet to win the second with a birdie but he lost the fourth when he put his tee shot in the bunker.

McEvoy's pitch to eight feet at the 5th gave O'Connell a putt for a winning birdie and he confidently holed. Gamez, however, hit his tee shot to within two feet for a two at the 6th.

A poor approach by McEvoy at the 8th and an equally poor putt at the ninth enabled Gamez and Martin to turn two up. McEvoy swiftly atoned at the 10th with a three wood to 12 feet from where O'Connell holed for an eagle. Then O'Connell holed a chip for a two at the 11th and the match was all square again.

Before the thunderstorm intervened, Martin hooked into the trees at the 15th. McEvoy and O'Connell were one up again but Martin hit his approach at the last to within 18 inches of the hole for a birdie to square the match.

RESULTS: Second series foursomes (GB and Ire names first): P McEvoy and E O'Connell halved with R Gamez and D Martin; R Claydon and C Cassells bt J Sigel and G Lesher, 3 and 2; J Milligan and A Hare bt D Eger and K Johnson, 2 and 1; G McGimpsey and S Dodd bt P Mickelson and D Yates, 2 and 1.



Golden grip: Sturgess in full flow at Lyons yesterday and on his way to his pursuit victory

Sturgess forgets fears and wins pursuit title

From Peter Bryan, Lyons

The impossible dream came true here last night for Colin Sturgess on the 333 metres cement Velodrome in the beautiful setting of the Parc de Tête d'Or. He won the world 5,000 metres pursuit title at his first attempt and in his first season as a professional from another newcomer to the cash ranks, Dean Woods, the Olympic silver medal winner.

Sturgess won his gold medal with the fastest time of the series, 5min 52.40sec which represented a lead of 1.66 seconds over the Australian. Yet behind a magnificent victory was a week in which Sturgess had his lowest ever morale as a racing cyclist. He was worried that in winning the British pursuit title at Leicester earlier this month also in record time, he might have peaked too early.

His mother Ann, who had to wait nearly an hour before she could congratulate her son properly because he had been hurried away to medical control, said: "My husband, Alan, and I have had a difficult time with Colin who had lost all confidence in his ability, although he didn't let it show to anyone else.

"We had to work on him mentally; physically he was in perfect shape but somehow he could not accept it. Eventually though we got through to him as today's rides showed."

The Sturgess family have always worked as a team in encouraging Sturgess's cycling development. Every aspect of his training and preparation has been carefully discussed — and agreed — by all three.

The first thing the new world champion will do is to engage a manager to look after his business affairs.

Sturgess' success in winning the pursuit championship in his first year as a pro has been achieved by one other Briton, Tony Doyle, in 1980. Yesterday Sturgess had two rides; the semi-final tie against Chris Huber which he won in 6min 00.98sec, easing towards the end.

The final was a 15 laps affair and for the first 11 Sturgess was ahead, although Woods was all the time reducing his deficit, clipping off a tenth of a second here and a thousandth there.

In the twelfth lap — the 4,000 metres mark, Sturgess flagged and Woods went into the lead by 0.33sec. The next lap the gap had widened to 0.82sec but Sturgess then started his famous sustained finishing burst and turned a 0.22sec deficit at the bell into a final advantage of 1.66sec.

RESULTS: Professional 5,000 metres pursuit: Semi-finals: C Sturgess (GB) 6min 00.98 bt C Huber (US), 6.04.12; D Woods (Aus) 5:56.21 bt R Clara (Fr), 6:03.26. Final: Sturgess 5min 52.40sec bt Woods 5:54.06. Bronze medal: Clara. Amateur 4,000m pursuit: Final: V Ekimov (USSR), 4:35.58, bt J Lehmann (EG), 4:42.17. Bronze medal: S Blochwitz (EG). Amateur sprint final (timings over last 200m): B Huck (EG) bt M Hübner (EG), 2-0 (11.71/10.94). Bronze medal ride-off: N Kovsh (USSR) bt F Magne (Fr) 2-0 (12.26/11.56). Women's sprint final: E Salumiae (USSR) bt G Enukina (USSR) 2-0 (12.90/11.95). I Gautheron (Fr) won the bronze after G Tsarova (USSR) withdrew because of injury. Amateur 4,000m team pursuit: Quarter-finals: Italy 4:25.12 bt Czechoslovakia 4:25.76; Australia 4:24.80 bt West Germany 4:28.27; Soviet Union 4:18.46 bt Denmark 4:29.33; East Germany 4:22.44 bt Britain 4:31.55.

END COLUMN

Kicking off with a dream team

By Stuart Jones

This season's *Rothmans Football Year Book* will provoke a thousand arguments. The controversial section, spread over pages seven, eight and nine, will be discussed over tea, beer and cocktails in homes, pubs and clubs throughout the forthcoming months.

Those yet to obtain a copy can prepare themselves. Ponder the answer to one question. Who are the best 11 British players over the last two decades? Consider also the ideal captain, manager and five substitutes. Simple? Try it before reading on.

To launch the twentieth edition of the book, a panel of five judges was invited to publish an official selection. They threw ideas at each other for five hours before reaching a compromise. The side is entitled the Rothmans Allstars.

The choice was limited to "players who represented either England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland between January 1, 1969 and March 29, 1989. Selection was also designed to provide the best individuals for each position rather than those who might fit into a system."

Not even a bench place for Shilton

More than one eyebrow was raised when the first name was announced: Gordon Banks. Peter Shilton, the holder of the record number of England caps for a goalkeeper, was not even on the bench. Pat Jennings was there instead. What, in spite of his scruffy appearance, about Neville Southall?

Since the position has become traditionally Britain's strength, a case could be made for each of them. The identity of the defenders, indisputably the principal weakness, should prompt fewer debates. The back four includes the best of them all, Bobby Moore, as captain.

He was there in person yesterday, looking fit enough to have been able to lead the dream of a team, to receive a commemorative cap. His partner, Alan Hansen, is one of only four (or, possibly, five) members still on active duty. Some pair they would have been.

Danny McGrain and Kenny Sansom have few rivals as the right and left back respectively. In front of them lies a midfield line of only three. Bobby Charlton, who could have appeared in several positions, is awarded the central role, with the more aggressive Graeme Souness on his right and Bryan Robson on his left.

The attack is led by Ian Rush, though he could not realistically be considered on today's form. The line-up is completed by Kenny Dalglish, whose career may not yet have been completed, and the incomparable George Best, whose contribution came to a sadly premature end.

Omissions inevitably are notable but some of them have been offered the consolation of joining Jennings in the wings. Denis Law, for instance, is considered worthy of no more than a place among the substitutes. So is Kevin Keegan.

Ramsey in charge of the selection

Sir Alf Ramsey is in charge of the side. Ted Croker, the chairman of the panel and former secretary of the Football Association, agreed that the manager who guided England to the World Cup triumph in 1966 was dismissed too hastily. The new honour was, nevertheless, not bestowed as compensation.

Complaints should be addressed to Croker and his fellow judges. Ken Montgomery, of the Football Writers' Association, Brian Roach, of Rothmans, Alan Samson, of Queen Anne Press, and Ian St John, the television broadcaster, must share equal responsibility for the formation.

ROTHMANS TEAM: G Banks (England), D McGrain (Scotland), R Moore (England, capt), A Hansen (Scotland), K Sansom (England), G Souness (Scotland), B Charlton (England), B Robson (England), K Dalglish (Scotland), I Rush (Wales), G Best (Northern Ireland). Manager: A Ramsey.

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A chastened England restore some pride

From Richard Streeton, Amstelveen

There was never a time yesterday when the Dutch cricketers threatened to repeat the unexpected win they gained the previous day against Peter Roebuck's visiting side of Test match hopefuls. A new-found purpose brought the England XI victory by 98 runs in a 55-over game.

A fluent hundred by Stephenson, the Essex batsman, was marked by accomplished stroke-play all around the wicket and won him the man of the match award. Stephenson provided the substance to an England score of 261 for seven after Roebuck again won the toss.

Half the Netherlands team was dismissed for 87 after 27 overs with two important wickets for Capel in a fiery period being a crucial factor.

Nothing that happened explained the shortcomings the England team showed the previous day, whose unfortunate events from an English viewpoint will always be remembered by the historians. Shock results remain part of sport's appeal and too much significance should not be attached to a 40-over defeat, especially when England had to bowl with a wet ball and bat in atrocious light.

The fact remains that an extraordinary defeat was inflicted. The England players looked suitably chastened on Wednesday night and knew that atonement had to be made. Roebuck confirmed this last night when he said: "Obviously, I am delighted that we won. There was a lot of pride at stake. We had to get more anger and passion into our cricket and today we did. I thought it was a test of character for us and we came through. We needed to show we could fight back."

Micky Stewart, the England manager, has stressed from the start of this brief visit to Europe that it would have little immediate bearing on England Test selection. "It has been an educational visit, though, for everyone. The players have gelled together splendidly and we have had the chance to watch how the up-and-coming men react in strange conditions."

Stephenson and Roebuck gave their team a solid foundation with a first-wicket stand of 112 in 28 overs before Roebuck swept against an off break and was caught on the square-leg boundary. Stephenson was dropped at 37 and 42 at gully and extra cover against Coster, a seamer, but generally looked at ease.

Stephenson reached his 50 and his century with straight sixes against Lubbers, an off spinner, and had faced 165 balls before he was bowled in the penultimate over during the closing slog. Most of the other batsmen also fell to forceful strokes.

Netherlands lost both their opening batsmen early, which brought together the left-handed Lifmann and the Bajan, Clarke, who were the batsmen England had to fear, and Capel got them both. Clarke had already taken two fours in the over when Capel bowled him as the batsman hit across the line; Lifmann fished outside the off stump and was caught behind.

After this, the only resistance came from Gomes, a Guyanan, and Lebbers, the Dutch captain, who stayed together for 13 overs

ENGLAND XI
*P M Roebuck c Jansen b Aponso 60
J P Stephenson b LeFebvre 121
R J Bailey run out 18
†A J Stewart c LeFebvre b Lubbers 5
N Hussain c Gomes b Lubbers 11
M Watkinson b Lubbers 6
D R Pringle not out 24
D J Capel run out 2
K T Medlycott not out 0
Extras (b 2, lb 6, w 4, nb 2) 14
Total (7 wkts, 55 overs) 261*
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-112, 2-156, 3-179, 4-214, 5-231, 6-244, 7-261.
S L Watkin and S J Base did not bat.
BOWLING: Jansen 11-0-82-0; LeFebvre 11-1-32-1; Aponso 11-0-38-1; Coster 11-0-48-0; Lubbers 11-0-53-3.

NETHERLANDS
*R Vos lbw b Watkin 10
F Aponso c Capel b Medlycott 9
R Lubmann c Stewart b Capel 12
N Clarke b Capel 12
R LeFebvre c Bailey b Base 11
R Gomes c Roebuck b Pringle 22
P Holland b Pringle 5
*S Lubbers c Base b Medlycott 32
†C Ruskamp not out 21
F Jansen b Capel 0
J Coster run out 5
Extras (lb 5, w 9, nb 9) 23
Total (48.3 overs) 163*
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-22, 2-22, 3-41, 4-53, 5-87, 6-92, 7-101, 8-154, 9-154.
BOWLING: Base 8-3-12-1; Watkin 9-0-37-1, Medlycott 8.3-1-25-2; Capel 7-0-39-3; Roebuck 2-0-10-0; Pringle 8-1-23-2; Watkinson 6-0-12-0.
Umpires: H Poederbach and J O Wits.

Norman's cash 'no tax fiddle'

The $35,000 stolen last month from the hotel room of the British athletics official, Andy Norman, was not intended for illegal payments to British athletes, Tony Wars, official British Amateur Athletics Board spokesman, insisted yesterday. An end to such cash transactions on the Grand Prix circuit is to be sought, however.

Board officials will press the International Amateur Athletics Federation to introduce bank-to-bank and cheque payments in future.

"The incident with Andy has brought home to us the danger to officials who carry such large amounts of cash," Ward said. "It has always been done this way but perhaps now the time has come for a change."

Ward denied there was anything "under the counter or illegal" about the cash Norman was minding when his hotel room was broken into. "There is certainly nothing in the way of a tax fiddle going on," he said.

"The money that was stolen had been handed to Andy to cover the appearance of British athletes in Nice. For some reason it is usually handed over by the foreign promoter in dollars. We then bank it and it is later moved on to the bank handling the trust funds of the athletes concerned. There's nothing under the counter or illegal about it and the Inland Revenue are quite happy with our arrangements."

British athletes could expect to receive around £40,000 from Wednesday's *Weltklasse* meeting in Zurich. "This is usually given, in cash, to a British official who brings it back and banks it," Ward said. "This time I think we'll be asking for a cheque from the Zurich promoter and at the IAAF Congress we'll try to get everyone to stop dealing in cash."

Norman would make no comment when he returned to London from the Zurich meeting yesterday. When photographers became too persistent he said: "That's enough gentlemen — before I become unpleasant."

South Africa '$1.8m offer' to Kapil Dev

New Delhi (AFP) — Kapil Dev, the former captain of India, said yesterday that he had turned down an offer of $1.8 million to play in South Africa — plus a blank cheque on his arrival.

The all-rounder said a number of top Indian players had been approached, but added: "I am sure no self-respecting Indian will have anything to do with cricket in South Africa."

Meanwhile, Paul Turner, the Newbridge captain, has become the eighth Welsh player to accept an invitation to play for a World XV in South Africa. He notified the Welsh Rugby Union secretary, David East, yesterday.

Hysen has strong hopes for Sweden

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Bobby Robson arrived in Malmö on Wednesday night and suggested that Sweden's football team might be over the hill. They may have reached their peak, he believes, a year ago when they won the Berlin tournament, featuring Argentina, the Soviet Union and West Germany, and then drew with England at Wembley.

The opinion of England's manager seemed to have been vindicated a few hours later. Sweden were beaten 4-2 by France, a nation without an away victory (except in the 1986 World Cup finals) for five years. But Glenn Hysen, on his way back to Liverpool yesterday morning, begged to differ.

Although Robson was convinced that Swedish morale would have been cracked, their captain and sweeper dismissed the heavy and, apparently, significant defeat.

"If that had happened six years ago, I would now be on the floor. But I've learned through experience that friendly matches don't matter. We weren't mentally prepared for last night but we will be ready on September 6."

The date, on which England will play their next World Cup qualifying tie in Stockholm, was repeated regularly during the conversation. It is stamped indelibly on Hysen's mind, although his first appearance at Anfield tomorrow will represent, he says, "the highlight" of his career.

A charming diplomat, Hysen is honest enough to admit he fears the damage which may be inflicted on Sweden by his Liverpool team-mates. "John Barnes and Peter Beardsley are brilliant players," he said, but he admires in particular another Englishman who is unlikely to be picked next month.

Steve McMahon was "nothing special" during the pre-season tour of Sweden but against Arsenal during the Charity Shield match last Saturday "he was like a tiger and took complete control of midfield". Hysen, with his experience of Italian, Dutch, domestic and international football, has never before witnessed such unflinching aggression.

Robson has indicated, however, that he will, if possible, retain Webb and Bryan Robson, now partners at Manchester United, as well as the rest of the side which beat Poland in June. Only if England win in Stockholm and thus be assured of qualification, will he consider less experienced players.

Hysen concedes that each member of the Swedish team, which is not expected to show more than one change, will have to be in top form if England's lead in the group is to be challenged. "We will have to fight more than we did against France," he said.

Robson is justifiably optimistic enough to be considering his squad's preparation for the finals next summer. Testing fixtures against Italy and The Netherlands will be followed next year by matches against Czechoslovakia and, probably, the Republic of Ireland. "That would give us the benefit of playing against different styles," he said.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Better deal sought

Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club has had its request for funds to help improve Trent Bridge rejected by the county council. Council leaders want a better deal in return for ratepayers' money — reported to be about £100,000 — for the upgrading of facilities and the building of a new stand.

The council's leader, Dennis Pettitt, said: "The cricket club's offer was not acceptable. But we are holding further discussions."

New club

London Docklands, a newly formed club, have joined the Carlsberg Basketball League for the 1989-90 season after the withdrawal of Glasgow Rangers and Livingston. They will play their home matches at London Arena.



Grant: record holder

Cup defence

Dalton Grant, the United Kingdom high jump record holder, heads the Haringey team to defend the GRE men's athletics Gold Cup at Stoke-on-Trent tomorrow. Grant broke the cup record when he cleared 2.26m in helping Haringey win their semi-final at Enfield last month. The north London club will be without Sebastian Coe.

Games plan

Melbourne has unveiled an extensive building programme as part of its bid for the 1996 Olympic Games. The Victorian state Premier, John Cain, said that Melbourne's Olympic plans included a sports complex which would be the largest of its kind in Australia.

Lack of snow

The first Panamerican Winter Games scheduled to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, between September 3 and 15 have been cancelled for lack of snow in the Andean ski resort of Las Lenas.

Five-mile test

The five-mile Amateur Swimming Association long distance championships of England will be held tomorrow at the National Watersports Centre, Nottingham.

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